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Inos birthday wish: To 'move forward and prevail in 2014'

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» **Inos-Torres make public announcement**

Gov. Eloy S. Inos marked his 64th birthday yesterday with a public wish to “move forward” and to “prevail in 2014” as he and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) officially announced their plan to run for governor and lieutenant governor under the now fortified Republican Party of the NMI Association.

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Heinz's camp woos Diego

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Former House speaker and 2014 gubernatorial aspirant Heinz Hofschneider's team has been encouraging former lieutenant governor and Independent Republican vice

chair Diego T. Benavente to be Hofschneider's running mate, *Saipan Tribune* sources said.

» **Independent Republicans remain**

Benavente, also a former House speaker and minority leader, neither confirmed nor denied this yesterday afternoon with the

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PAGEANT FINALISTS

The 12 finalists of the 2013 Miss Chinese Cosmos pageant pose on the beach at the back of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan yesterday following the concluding event of their 10-day overseas trip to the CNMI.

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Pelosi's immigration bill to include NMI provision

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (IND-IMP) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's (D-California) planned immigration reform bill will include a CNMI-specific provision that was also in the U.S. Senate-passed S. 744 in late June.

That provision provides a pathway to citizenship for thousands of long-term, legal foreign workers and other groups of aliens in the CNMI.

“It has the same [CNMI] language as in S. 744. The Pelosi bill will be offered any time now,” said Sablan, who worked for years to address the immigration status of long-term legal aliens

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All parties oppose Maratita bid to intervene

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» **Lawmaker's motion called untimely, frivolous**

All the parties in the Betty Johnson's class action are opposed to Rep. Janet Maratita's request to intervene in the

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case and postpone the final hearing, saying the lawmaker's motion “lacks coherent legal foundation, [is] untimely, and frivolous.”

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Airports' revenue up as seaport earnings down

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While the Commonwealth Ports Authority's airport revenue has been steadily increasing, its seaport revenue continues to decline, based on the updated records of the agency in the past three fiscal years.

CPA comptroller Skye Lynn Aldan disclosed yesterday that actual revenue for the past three fiscal years both in aviation and non-aviation activities show significant spikes at 14 percent in 2012 and 4 percent in 2013.

Records show that in fiscal year 2013, airport revenue was at \$12.612 million, slightly higher than 2012's \$12.180 million. Fiscal year 2011's operating revenue was at \$10.636 million.

According to Aldan, airport revenue is projected to reach \$12.281 million in fiscal year 2014, which is slightly lower than 2013's.

"We are budgeted at 129 percent coverage, beyond the 125 percent requirement. It should be noted that this does not take into account estimated PFC [passenger facility charges] revenues. With PFC revenues, the airport exceeds the required coverage at 236 percent. Although we exceed the required debt ratio coverage, caution must always be taken and expenses must be continually monitored in order to stay in compliance with the bond indenture," according to Aldan.

The agency's fiscal year 2014 budget, which was approved by the board yesterday, shows that personnel expenses will decrease due to the withdrawal of employees from the defined benefit retirement plan, resulting in a decrease in employer contributions to the Retirement Fund.

For employees remaining in the defined benefit plan, Aldan said that retirement contributions are budgeted at 30 percent.

"Operating expenses have increased by 8 percent as compared to FY 2013. This condition is mainly due to the increased utility expenses, primarily for water and sewer; anticipated increases in diesel fuel costs; as well as an increase in contractual services mostly for environmental consulting services," said Aldan.

A 17-percent increase in insurance premiums is also expected to add to the agency's expenses in fiscal year 2014.

Seaport revenue

While airport revenue shows positive signs, seaport is showing otherwise.

"Actual revenues for the past three fiscal years show a continuous decline in seaport harbor and non-harbor activities," said Aldan.

She noted that revenues decreased by 5 percent from fiscal years 2012 to 2013 and by 4 percent from 2011 to 2012.

Audited data show that seaport revenues totaled \$6.353 million in fiscal year 2011; \$6.065 million in fiscal year 2012; and \$5.740 million in fiscal year 2013.

For fiscal year 2014, projected seaport revenue is \$5.6 million: \$4.2 million from harbor and \$1.3 million for non-harbor activities. This represents a 3 percent drop from 2013's revenue.

"The decline in projected revenues for FY 2014 follows the trend of actual revenues received," according to Aldan.

Overall personnel expenses, meantime, have increased due to the transfer of one ports police officer each from the Rota and Tinian airports to the Rota and Tinian seaports. This transfer, she said, was done to satisfy the harbor patrol requirement.

The budgeted operational expenses, she said, also show a decrease of 34 percent compared to the actual operation expenses in 2013.

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Sablan loses to Kiyu in poll for CPA vice chair

Members of the Commonwealth Ports Authority board of directors shook up the leadership yesterday after long-time vice chair Benigno Sablan lost out to Thomas Kiyu Villagomez in a secret balloting held during yesterday's meeting.

By a 4-3 vote, Villagomez was named the board's new second in command. He once served as CPA vice chair when he was first appointed to the CPA board in 2010.

CPA is a seven-member board composed of Jose Lifofoi, Barrie Toves, Fermin Sakisat, Frances Mafnas, Michael San Nicolas, Villagomez, and Sablan.

Just before the voting was called, Villagomez initially nominated Frances Mafnas to the vice chairmanship against Benigno Sablan, who was nominated by San Nicolas. Mafnas declined the nomination, resulting in Barrie Toves nominating Villagomez.

During a break in the meeting yesterday, Villagomez said he would like to work with the other members on some areas of priorities that must be looked into, including the lack of airline traveling to Rota as well as the issue of direct flights on Tinian, among other issues.

Meantime, Lifofoi won the board chairmanship anew by acclamation. Lifofoi, who also chairs the United Micronesia Development Association Inc., served as CPA chairman for four years until he quit in 2007. A year later, he was reappointed to the post and has been its chairman since then. Lifofoi is a former House speaker and currently serves as the Republic of Palau's honorary consul general to the CNMI.

Elected as board secretary is Frances Mafnas.

Prior to the election of officers, Villagomez attempted to defer the matter to board's next meeting. Sablan opposed this and recommended the temporary suspension of CPA board bylaws, which prescribes that election of officers be made at a September regular meeting.

According to Sablan, holding the election of officers during a special meeting is permissible if the board will temporarily suspend the rules. He revealed that CPA has had no regular meeting for September and suspending the rules (Article 6, section 1) for now is not a deterrent at all.

"I recommend that we temporarily suspend the rules so we can have the election of officers as originally prescribed in the bylaws," he said.

Villagomez, when asked why he pushed to defer the election, said that "too many suspensions of rules really distract the whole plan [for the board]." (*Moneth G. Deposa*)

Ex-CRM exec convicted of Web scam charged anew for same crime

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Benny K. Pangelinan, a former Coastal Resources Management official who was sentenced to three years in prison in 2007 for his involvement in an Internet scam, was charged again yesterday in federal court for allegedly committing the same offense.

The U.S. government charged Pangelinan with one count of wire fraud.

According to the information filed by assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Pangelinan transmitted or caused to be transmitted a total of \$3,770 through wire transfers to Malaysia and Australia in 2011.

Backe said that Pangelinan participated in the scheme from Oct. 14, 2010, to Oct. 31, 2011,

obtaining money and property by means of fraudulent pretenses and promises.

Pangelinan allegedly approached friends and family members, including three victims, and told them that he was going to receive large sums of money from off-island sources.

Pangelinan reportedly told the victims that he needed their help in getting the money to Saipan by paying for fees, taxes, or similar expenses associated with the electronic transfer of funds.

He allegedly continually

promised the victims that the money was coming soon and that he would pay them a large amount compared to what they gave him.

Pangelinan allegedly gave the victims handwritten promissory notes and claimed that he had personally met the person or persons sending the money.

Pangelinan allegedly persuaded the victims and others to transmit \$1,030 to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Feb. 27, 2011; \$510 to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Feb. 29, 2011; \$1,000 to Seddon, Victoria,

Australia on March 8, 2011; \$930 to Seddon, Victoria, Australia on March 10, 2011; and \$300 to Seddon, Victoria, Australia, on Oct. 30, 2011.

In January 2007, a federal jury found Pangelinan guilty of five wire fraud charges for defrauding potential investors and for his involvement in an Internet scam. He was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay \$129,250 in restitution to five victims.

In September 2011, the U.S. Probation Office pushed to revoke Pangelinan's proba-

tion after finding out that the defendant borrowed \$21,450 from a couple and received over \$11,000 from a family member, with promises to both that he will double their money.

In January 2012, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter issued an order placing Pangelinan in the custody of the U.S. Attorney General for hospitalization.

Carter had found Pangelinan in violation of two conditions of his probation, but at the same time the judge determined that there is cause to believe that the defendant "is presently suffering from a mental disease or defect."

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated center, and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), seated right, announce their candidacy for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under the now fortified Republican Party of the CNMI Association, at a news briefing shortly before the governor's 64th birthday fundraiser at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan. They are flanked by their families and Cabinet members. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

INOS

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Their 5pm news briefing came a day after the Republican Party accepted and endorsed the Inos-Torres tandem for the November 2014 race.

Inos announced that his and Torres' priorities include addressing the NMI Retirement Fund, utilities, and the hospital.

"No, we're not out to promise many things or we're not out to promise everything under the sun but we pledge that we will work together and address those three issues with the underlying economic growth that's needed to make these things happen,"

Inos said.

Inos' and Torres' families and Cabinet members stood by them as they made the announcement prior to the start of the governor's birthday fundraiser that drew hundreds of people at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

"We will do our best. Some people said it is still early. I don't think so. I don't know why it's still early. People are already suffering so we need to go in and do something about it," the governor said.

Inos gave a background on how things culminated in yesterday's announcement, starting with his goal of helping people and reunifying different political parties.

cal parties.

"I believe that we've done so many things but there's still a lot more to do. So in that spirit, I've asked my colleagues in the Covenant Party, as well as other friends in the other parties as to their opinion of how to deal with this situation given that it is a wide field for gubernatorial candidates as well as for lieutenant governors' slots so I felt that the best way to achieve this would be to find a synergy among the parties and among the people interested in helping the community," he said.

Inos became governor on Feb. 20 after former governor Benigno R. Fitial resigned days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate. Inos is seeking a full four-year term as governor.

After consulting his own Covenant Party that is in the process of being dissolved, consulting the Republican Party which he rejoined, and consulting with Torres, Inos said they both came to the conclusion "that it's best that we put our groups together for the common good and to move the CNMI forward to address many of the challenges."

Torres, for his part, said, "Working together harmoniously is best for the people of the CNMI."

"We've put our political differences aside and I think

the people of the CNMI have seen that. With the unity now, with the Republican Party and with your Cabinet members, the Senate and the House, this is what our people have been waiting for, to put political differences aside and address those issues together," the Senate president said.

Inos also said the GOP is in "active discussions with the principals" of the Independent Republicans.

"In fact, I saw one of the major principals this afternoon, talked about this effort quite intensively and so what I can say is we're still working, there's possibility that they will come over and will join forces. We hope to see that in

the very near future so we are continuing this dialogue and so forth," Inos said.

He was referring to IR chair Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan).

The IR vice chair, former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente, is not confirming nor denying that he is being wooed by the camp of gubernatorial aspirant Heinz Hofschneider, who plans to run as an independent. Some IR members also said that, as of their Wednesday night meeting, the IR will remain as a group.

Toward the end of the news briefing, Inos' response to a question was: "My birthday wish is that we will move forward and that we will prevail in 2014."

MARATITA

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the NMI Retirement Fund, through their respective lawyers, filed their opposition yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

As this developed, Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb wrote U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood on Wednesday to ask her to consider two issues in the case: One, what legal authority exists to allow for defined benefit members to be included in a lawsuit without their affirmative actions or written authorization to "opt in"? Two, what legal authority is there to support the transfer of the employer/employee contributions of those like himself who opted out from the settlement agreement

ment from the account of the Retirement Fund to the settlement agreement account?

Johnson, through counsels Robert M. Hatch, Bruce L. Jorgensen, and Stephen C. Woodruff, asked the court to deny the motion filed by Maratita and Jesus I. Taisague because it is untimely as they have known of this case since it was filed four years ago.

Johnson said Maratita and Taisague have known of the court's stay order (stop the proceedings) since it was announced in the preliminary approval order entered on Aug. 6, 2013, and they have had notice of the deadlines for objections (Sept. 16, 2013) and opt outs (Sept. 20).

Johnson said the proposed intervenors have offered no excuse for missing these deadlines or failing to intervene earlier if they were legitimately interest-

ed in assisting in the pursuit of this action.

Johnson pointed out that the proposed intervenors lack standing because Taisague has requested exclusion and Maratita does not even claim to be a member of the class.

"Neither have standing to object to the settlement," she said.

Johnson said the two's assertions that the constitutional rights of the class or the CNMI are impaired by the settlement are "plainly false because participation in the settlement is entirely voluntary, and constitutional rights may be voluntarily compromised."

Johnson said Maratita has not shown how the settlement "strips her of a legal claim or cause of action" so she lacks standing and her motion to intervene is frivolous.

Johnson said Maratita is a

legislator, so it is inconceivable that she has not known of this case.

Assistant attorney general Reena J. Patel, on behalf of the CNMI government, asserted that both Maratita and Taisague failed to act diligently and timely.

Patel also noted that any delay in the implementation of the settlement agreement would wreck the payment schedule outlined in the agreement and will further strain the Fund's financial health.

On Friday, Maratita and Taisague, through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, asked the court to allow them to intervene in the case and postpone the Sept. 30, 2013, hearing, where it is expected to approve the settlement agreement in Johnson's class action against the Fund and the CNMI government.

HEINZ

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Hofschneider, a Republican even under former governor Benigno R. Fitial's term, plans to run as an independent. He has been back on island and has restarted meeting with individuals about his 2014 political aspirations.

So far, only the Republican tandem of Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) has publicly announced their candidacy for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively.

Hofschneider's camp was also earlier reaching out to Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan).

Independent Republicans Independent-Republicans led

by chair Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) and vice chair Benavente met Wednesday night to discuss the Republican Party's standing invitation for the IRs to rejoin the GOP.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), one of those in the meeting, said the "preliminary concession" was that "there is still an Independent Republicans team."

"We will continue to uphold transparency and accountability in government; that's the people's mandate and that's what people expected when we were placed again in the 18th Legislature. I don't want to betray that," he said.

Another individual present at the meeting echoed Tebuteb's statement that the Independent Republicans will remain as a group.

PELOSI

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in the CNMI.

He said he has not seen a draft copy of the bill but he was assured of the CNMI-specific provision's inclusion.

The Republican-controlled U.S. House has not taken up S. 744 since June.

S. 744 seeks to reform the nation's immigration system for the first time in a generation, involving spending tens of billions of dollars to fortify security along the U.S. southern border and offering a pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens already in the United States.

House Republicans are keen to approve piecemeal bills fo-

cused on tightening border security.

The House's Democrats would have Pelosi's strategy, which reportedly combines S. 744 with a bipartisan border-security bill from the House Homeland Security to draw support from as many House members as possible.

"I believe that if Speaker [John] Boehner brings S. 744 to

the floor, it would have enough votes to pass," Sablan said.

But just the same, the delegate remains "cautiously optimistic" about the prospects for comprehensive immigration reform.

Bonifacio Sagana, Dekada Movement president, said if it is indeed true that Pelosi would introduce an immigration reform bill, he is more

than hopeful that a CNMI provision will be included.

"Based on Pelosi's previous comments, I believe she understands the CNMI situation," he said.

The CNMI lost control of its immigration pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act signed in 2008.

Every year, thousands of

legal skilled and professional foreign workers in the CNMI—including nurses, teachers, accountants, hotel employees, caregivers, and house workers—go through an annual petition and approval of work permit renewal regardless of whether they have been working in the CNMI for over 20 years or just two years.

Bill correcting error in budget law now heads to Inos

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A bill amending the newly signed budget law to correct an \$80 million oversight in the NMI Retirement Fund's operational funding to pay for retirees' pension in fiscal year 2014 is now headed to Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Hearing on settlement deal set to air on Tinian and Rota

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Retirees, pension program members, and interested parties who want to witness the hearing on the settlement deal between Betty Johnson and the government can do so via simultaneous video broadcast on Tinian and Rota.

Set for Monday, Sept. 30, the hearing to approve the settlement deal will be held before U.S. District Court designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood beginning at 9am, in the Horiguchi Building in Garapan.

On Rota, the hearing may be observed by video broadcast at the Northern Marianas College Instructional Site, Room A2. The event can also be witnessed on Tinian at the Instructional Site Room C. Saipan residents may attend the hearing at the District Court itself.

According to the Retirement Fund yesterday, this is being made in response to many requests from Fund members who have been unable to travel to Saipan to observe the proceedings in this lawsuit.

"The hearing will begin

promptly at 9am, so community members are encouraged to be at the site 15 minutes earlier to ensure they are properly seated before the beginning of the hearing," advised the Fund.

After Monday's hearing, it is expected that a final ruling will be determined on the class suit, including details and timeframe as to when retirees and members' benefits can be paid by the Fund.

In the closing of deadline on Sept. 20, only 16 members of the pension program opted out of the settlement class.

Both the government and the Fund earlier disclosed that those retirees and active members who will opt out of the settlement class are not entitled to claim benefits from the settlement fund. There is also no guarantee for those retirees who opt out that they would receive at least 75 percent of their pension.

Records from the Fund indicate that there are a total of 3,160 retirees and beneficiaries on three islands. Of this number, retirees total 2,395; surviving spouses number 591; and surviving children total 174.

overseas trip of the 10-year-old pageant. Among its previous overseas stops included Paris and Nevada.

The 18 contestants performed separately by groups on stage before singing a group rendition of *Lemon Tree*.

All of them said they will never forget their trip to the Commonwealth and that they very much enjoyed its beautiful white sandy beaches, warm tropical weather, and friendly people.

The 18 contestants visited many tourist sites on Saipan and Tinian, including the American Memorial Park, Managaha Island, Saipan World Resort, and Banzai Cliff, among others.

Phoenix Satellite Television Co. Ltd. is the producer of the 2013 Miss Chinese Cosmos and its deputy editor, Gao Yan, said the CNMI is a beautiful place to shoot the pre-pageant. She said that even typhoon-like conditions this past week didn't dampen their enthusiasm for the islands.

Other VIPs in attendance during yesterday's competition were Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofchneider, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, and Rep. Edmund Vilagomez (Cov-Saipan).

The House of Representatives passed at 2:41pm yesterday a Senate-amended version of House Bill 18-124, House Draft 1.

The bill, authored by Ways and Means Committee chair Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), passed by a vote of 19-0. Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) was not in the chamber when the voting came.

Inos had urged the Legislature to pass a bill amending the budget law to ensure that the Fund is not adversely impacted by the oversight involving a missing \$80 million in the Fund's 2014 operations funds.

The Fund's operational funding of \$84.765 million in fiscal year 2014 is not part of the \$123.4 million general fund revenues available for govern-

ment operations, but its inclusion in the budget measure is for informational purposes only. But the Fund could not spend any amount without approval from the Legislature and the governor.

Sablan, in yesterday's discussion of the bill, said the Senate amendment did not alter the number of personnel nor the funding level for Tinian. The Senate amendment transferred five Tinian firefighter positions from the mayor's office to under the Division of Fire.

"Personally I have concern with the incorporation of the names of the personnel affected," Sablan said, but at the same

time he understands the need to immediately send the bill to the governor before the start of a new fiscal year on Oct. 1.

House adopts resolution on vocational training to meet CUC needs

Resolution

The House also adopted at 3:12pm yesterday Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero's (Ind-Saipan) resolution requesting the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and Northern Marianas Trades Institute to develop vocational training programs that meet the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s technical employment needs.

Deleon Guerrero said the "technical worker crisis" is always one of the bases for

the monthly extension of the state of emergency declaration for CUC.

He said CUC claims there are not enough U.S. citizens or U.S. resident technical specialists in the CNMI with experience in the type of engines that CUC uses. CUC, he added, claims that it has tried to hire diesel mechanics in the CNMI but has been unsuccessful in finding enough qualified candidates.

The freshman lawmaker said PSS, NMC, and NMTI are charged with the responsibility to develop vocational training programs.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives...that [PSS, NMC and NMTI] consult with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and develop vocational training programs that meet the corporation's technical employment needs," the resolution partly reads.

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The 2013 Miss Chinese Cosmos concluded its 10-day overseas trip to the CNMI yesterday with the selection of the finalists who will move on to the pageant proper in China on Oct. 26.

From the original 18 contestants who hail from countries like the U.S., Australia, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Macau, and China, 12 contestants made it to the finals during the preliminary round held yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

The 12 women who will vie for the 2013 Miss Chinese Cosmos tiara are Wu Yu Jie of Guangdong, Fan Shi of the U.S., Lao Xiaomin of the United Kingdom, Zeng Yue of Yunan, Yu Ssu-Ting of Taiwan, Zeng Ni of Australia, Zhang Lei of Hubei, Hong Zailang of Hubei, Mu Guan hong of the U.S., Shen Yao of Shanghai, Li Yixi of the United Kingdom, and Wangjin Yao of Beijing.

The concluding event of the 2013 Miss Chinese Cosmos overseas trip to Saipan started with cultural dances and was followed by messages from Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Century Tours CEO Willy Tan.

Tan said Saipan is the latest

Alex Shen retains ASNMC presidency

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Students of the Northern Marianas College have expressed confidence anew in their incumbent leader, Chenglong "Alex" Shen, who won again this year as president of the Associated Students of NMC, defeating contender Faithful Mendiola.

Shen received an overwhelming 91 votes against his opponent's 72 votes during the two-day election held on campus starting Tuesday.

Shen is a Liberal Arts major and will sit as a member of the management team, along with the elected presidents of the Staff Senate and the Faculty Senate.

Shen vowed yesterday to

continue to represent the "true voices and concerns" of students and to address issues affecting the student body.

"The ASNMC will continue to represent students effectively with a team of excellent individuals who will become valuable assets for the students and our institution," he told *Saipan Tribune* after the announcement of the results.

Shen shared that the new officers will meet in the coming weeks to identify their goals and objectives this academic year.

"Meanwhile, our long-term goal is to continuously promote the general welfare of the student body. Additionally, hoping

that our students will become more proactive in the coming year and after, we intend to make this academic year more lively and fun for the students," he added.

According to Queanna C. Sablan, ASNMC election coordinator, 169 votes were cast in this election, considered a "low" turnout compared to the 1,133 enrollment for this fall semester. All registered for the semester were eligible to vote.

"One of the biggest challenges the committee faced in this year's election was getting more students involved in the voting process. We anticipated that at least one-third of the student

population would vote. With a student population this semester of 1,133, only 169 votes were cast," she told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the committee will seek avenues on how to better promote student involvement with NMC's student government.

Besides Shen, the other new officers of the ASNMC are Lani Russell as vice president, Riya R. Nathrani A treasurer, and Jian Joyner as secretary.

Russell bested opponent Faithful Mendiola after garnering 123 votes against the latter's 39 votes. Nathrani was elected with 153 votes while Joyner received 162 votes.

Three senators were also elected: Ervin Cruz, Justine Conrad Mallari, and Faithful

Mendiola.

According to Sablan, the officers-elect will be sworn into office during the 25th Investiture Ceremony on Monday, Sept. 30, at 11am in the NMC Student Center in Bldg. J.

Sablan recognized the student-volunteers who assisted at the polling station and with tabulation of ballots, including Silvester Javier, Charnessa

Lizama, Mika Sablan, Jolly Ann Cruz, Sherwin William, and Regina Gatamngin.

ASNMC consists of a co-operative and student-driven governance body that shapes the core of student leadership. Its executive cabinet comprises four students who are elected at large by the student body and serve a one-year term in office.

Notorious copper wire thief arrested for the same crime

Shabbo C. Sablan, a notorious copper wire thief, was arrested again on Wednesday for the same crime.

Sablan, 24, was taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of burglary and theft for breaking into the former Universal Rental building in Susupe on Aug. 30, 2013, and stealing copper wires.

Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja retained the bail at \$5,000 cash.

Police said that two patrol officers responded to the former Universal Rental building on Aug. 30 after receiving a call about a theft incident.

The officers learned that one of the staff of the building saw a man enter the building, take copper wires, and ran away.

During a follow-up investigation on Sept. 3, a detective learned that two witnesses had seen Sablan allegedly break into the building and steal copper wires.

The detective reviewed a video footage taken at the Triple Star Recycling Center in As Perido dated Aug. 30 and found

out it was Sablan who came that day and sold copper wires.

The detective obtained a copy of the receipt indicating that Sablan sold the copper wires to Triple Star for \$84.

On Sept. 19, Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo granted the police's request for the issuance of a search warrant to seize the stolen copper wires as well as receipts or documents pertaining to Sablan's sale of copper wires at Triple Star.

In August 2011, Associate Judge David A. Wiseman slapped Sablan with a one year in prison sentence for his role in the burglary at the building of Shirley's Coffee Shop and Restaurant in Susupe in Nov. 2010. The judge, however, gave the defendant credit for the eight months and 11 days he had already served. Sablan's release schedule was Nov. 15, 2011.

In that Susupe burglary, police recovered copper wires that were already skinned and ready for transport in the generator room of the building. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Air Force training on FDM

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla today Sept. 27, from 4:50am 9am and 2pm to 9pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are

advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (*PR*)



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Regents adopt new mission, vision statements for NMC

A highly collaborative process that began close to a year ago has culminated in new mission and vision statements for the Northern Marianas College.

In its meeting held on Thursday, Sept., 26, 2013, the NMC Board of Regents adopted the college's new mission statement, which was the product of community input, legislative backing, and voter support. The regents' approval is also part of NMC's effort to reaffirm its accreditation, which requires that the col-

lege's mission statement to be reviewed on a regular basis.

"This is a major accomplishment for the college, and major step toward the reaffirmation of the college's accreditation," said NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart. "The new mission and vision statements eloquently communicate the college's commitment to student learning and workforce development."

The new mission statement is: "Northern Marianas College, through its commitment

to student learning, provides high quality, affordable and accessible educational programs and services for the individual and people of the Commonwealth."

The new vision statement reads: "Northern Marianas College will serve as the engine to drive the economic growth and the social and cultural vitality of the Commonwealth."

The journey to update NMC's mission statement began last fall with the passage of Legislative Initiative 17-12, which was passed overwhelmingly by the voters in the last election and paved the way for a constitutional amendment that would allow the college to establish its mission statement.

The constitutional amend-

ment was needed because NMC's mission statement was until then fixed in the CNMI Constitution, which precluded NMC from revisiting the mission statement and updating it from time to time. Further, in accordance with accreditation standards, the college needed to have a mission statement that defined the institution's broad educational purposes, its intended student population, and its commitment to achieving student learning.

The voters' approval of the constitutional amendment launched the collaborative process to update the mission statement. The mission revision team, consisting of NMC's Strategic Planning Task Force and members of NMC's Stan-

dard IA team, reached out to members of the college community: all faculty, staff, administrators, and students were strongly encouraged to provide feedback. Opportunities for review of the draft mission statement were also provided to various governance groups at the college.

The college also sought input from the greater CNMI community. Part of this outreach included a strategic planning roundtable that was held with leaders representing both the public and private sectors, and a retreat for all NMC employees with Dennis Jones of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems. The result of these strategic planning activities was a

report outlining suggestions for strategic priorities for the college that ultimately contributed to the development of the new mission statement.

"This is the culmination of a collective effort with the passage of Legislative Initiative 17-12, and we are grateful to everyone who participated in this yearlong process—students, faculty, staff, regents and community members," said Jackie Che, co-chairperson of the Strategic Planning Task Force and director of Institutional Effectiveness. "Many have contributed, coming together with a collective effort that revealed pride for what NMC is today and passion about our future." (NMC)

Two persons wanted for alleged beatings



Ngeskebei



Cai

Crime Stoppers is seeking the public's help for the location of two wanted persons.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Benzi Ngeskebei, a local male, age 27, for allegedly beating up his sister on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013.

Police responded to a disturbance at the residence of the suspect on Adobu Drive, Koblerville, at about 9:30pm and learned that the suspect had beaten his younger sister by pulling her hair, strangling her throat, punching her in the face, and hitting her with a baseball bat.

The victim's injuries include a black eye (left), bruising, and swelling on her left cheek and shoulder. The suspect stopped beating her to answer a ringing phone. The victim escaped by climbing out a bedroom window, pushing through the screen, and running to the neighborhood where she called police.

Ngeskebei is described as a Chamorro/Palauan male, about 5'6" to 5'8" tall and weighing 160 to 175 lbs, with dark skin and dark short hair.

He is facing charges of disturbing the peace, assault and battery, and assault with a dangerous weapon (domestic violence). His bail is set at \$20,000 cash.

Ngeskebei has been avoiding police and capture.

Authorities are also looking for Jinhai Cai, a 36-year-old Chinese male who allegedly beat up his girlfriend.

Police responded to a disturbance located at the Garapana apartments, behind Family Building in Garapan on Sun-

day, Aug. 11, 2013, at about 11:33 am. Police learned from the victim, a Chinese female (early 30's), that her boyfriend, Cai, repeatedly beat her up in the last few days, leading to the filing of the complaint. The suspect and victim just recently met and dated. The suspect started beating the victim out of jealousy for her past relationships.


The victim was taken to the hospital where she was treated for her injuries. The victim sustained extensive bruising in her face, both inner and anterior thighs, bruising and swelling on both hands and arms, bruising on both knees and multiple contusions in her torso.

Cai is described as Chinese male, age 36, about 5'3 to 5'6 tall, and weighs 130 to 150 lbs.

He is facing charges of disturbing the peace, assault, assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and kidnapping (domestic violence). His bail is set at \$25,000 cash.

The suspect was last seen in the Garapan area. He came in as a tourist and was supposed to go back to China on July 30, 2013, but did not. He stayed at a barracks just west of the Family building. There is no information yet on his whereabouts.

Anyone having information about these crimes, or any other crimes, may call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 or use its website at www.nmi-crimestoppers.net. Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest. All calls are anonymous. (Saipan Tribune)




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The Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service is offering a free workshop on "Understanding and Implementing HACCP: Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Point Programs" for individuals in the community involved in meat

processing or slaughtering.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Hazard Analysis and Critical Points is a management system in which food safety is addressed through the analysis and control of biological, chemical, and physical hazards from raw ma-

terial production, procurement and handling, to manufacturing, distribution and consumption of the finished product.

This workshop will focus specifically on the hazard analysis and critical control points in the meat processing industry. It will also be taught by NMC-CREES

food scientist Dr. Jang Ho Kim.

The workshop will begin on Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, and end on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013, and will be from 9am to 5pm each day at the Winners Corp. offices in San Antonio. Space is limited, and is based on a first-come, first-served basis. To register to attend the workshop, contact Mia Jones at NMC-CREES at 237-5850.

For additional information, contact Dr. Jang Ho Kim at NMC-CREES at 237-6845. (NMC)

Tinian Lions Club to hold orientation

The Tinian Marianas Lions Club will hold an orientation this Sunday, Sept. 29, from 2pm to 4pm, at the Tinian Junior/Senior High School cafeteria.

Those interested in joining the newest Lions Club in the Marianas is invited to attend the orientation. District governors will talk about the civic organization and what it does to help the community.

"This is open to all service-minded people, so come and join the largest service organization in the world. Together we can make a difference to the community we belong," said TMLC guiding member Paul Madriaga.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 208 countries and geographic locations around the world. Since 1917, Lions Clubs have provided aid for the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

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September 27, 2005

Well runs dry for USGS program

Faced with a lack of funding, the U.S. Geological Survey's cooperative program in the CNMI may have to end this year. In a recent letter to USGS Hawaii office, Lt. Gov. and CNMI Water Task Force chair Diego T. Benavente said that the local government failed to secure funding for the program. "This is to regretfully inform your office that the CNMI is unable to secure the funding necessary to sustain USGS operations in the CNMI for the rest of the calendar year," said Benavente in an Aug. 18, 2005 letter to Gordon W. Tribble, USGS Pacific Islands Water Science Center director. Benavente said that the Water Task Force has been in contact with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of Insular Affairs for funding opportunities for the USGS program.

Anatahan volcano starts to wake up

After a temporarily lull early this month, Anatahan's volcano is again showing signs of activity, with long-period earthquakes occurring, albeit sparsely. The volcanic earthquakes indicate magmatic movement that may lead to another eruption. The Emergency Management Office and the U.S. Geological Survey said in a recent report, however, that tremor levels have been low, a few percent of peak levels recorded in June. While the volcano emitted no significant ash this month, there were at least three periods of elevated tremors on Sept. 15, 16 and 19.

September 27, 2006

3 airlines oppose petition

Three U.S. air carriers—Continental Micronesia, Northwest Airlines, and United Airlines—have opposed the CNMI's petition with the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant Japanese, Chinese, and Australian airlines unilateral access to the CNMI, warning that it would "jeopardize" ongoing U.S. negotiations with these countries. Continental Airlines and Continental Micronesia, in a written testimony submitted to the department on Aug. 31, said they support certain parts of the CNMI's air expansion program, particularly its request for foreign air carriers to provide the same expanded services to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota that the department has tentatively decided to permit for Guam services. But Continental said it "strongly opposes the CNMI's request to give way to all Chinese and Japanese airlines and to Australian combination airlines rights [that] those countries refuse to give U.S. airlines."

OPA: Private sector will lead NMI-wide jobs audit

Businesses that have a history of hiring local workers, rather than the CNMI government, will head the Commonwealth-wide private sector jobs audit, according to Public Auditor Michael Sablan. In an interview yesterday, Sablan said that about a dozen employers would be part of the audit, which seeks to identify private sector jobs currently held by foreign workers that can be filled by residents. These businesses include Pacific Telecom Inc., Joeten Group, DFS Galleria, Tan Holdings Corp., Pacific Trading Co., Triple J, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club, World Resort Saipan, Aqua Resort Club, and Shell Marianas.

September 27, 2007

No new budget by Monday

With just three days left in fiscal year 2007 and no appropriations bill at the Governor's Office, the CNMI government will continue operating under the current budget beginning Oct. 1. The government will follow the amended FY 2007 budget law, which set a spending limit of \$163.5 million. This is about \$2 million higher than the available resources identified in the governor's new budget plan.

Casino investor promotes Tinian condo in China

Bridge Investment Group has begun promoting its condominium project in China with the help of a Beijing-based real estate marketing firm. Phillip Mendiola-Long, executive vice president of Bridge Investment, reported in a news release that the casino investment group and some Tinian officials held a press conference in Beijing on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007. At the media event, Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas, Rep. Edwin P. Aldan, and municipal council members helped announce the official offering of Tinian condo units in China.

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Baby Messiah keeps his name

Hospital nurseries last year were filled with Jacobs and Jaydens, Madisons and Mias. It's not unusual for a modern kindergarten classroom to have two Emmas or two Ethans.

But there is only one Messiah, a Tennessee judge declared in August, stripping the name from a 7-month-old boy.

"Messiah is a title that is held only by Jesus Christ," Child Support Magistrate Lu Ann Ballew said in a court order. "Labeling this child 'Messiah' places an undue burden on him that as a human being, he cannot fulfill."

This came as a surprise to Messiah's parents, who were in court arguing over his last name, not his first. Jaleesa Martin called her son Messiah Deshawn Martin. Jawaan McCullough wanted him to be called Messiah Deshawn McCullough.

The judge decided the baby should be called Martin Deshawn McCullough.

"I was shocked," Jaleesa Martin said. "I never intended on naming my son Messiah because it means God, and I didn't think a judge could make me change my baby's name because of her religious beliefs."

Of course she can't. On Wednesday, Ballew's ruling was overturned on appeal. A chancery judge found that it violated the U.S. Constitution's establishment clause, which prohibits the government from promoting any religion.

That doesn't mean parents have a constitutional right to name their baby whatever they please. Many states allow a judge to reject the parents' choice if the name could expose the child to bullying or ridicule. Every once in a while, someone thinks it's cute to name their kid Adolf Hitler, for example. Several states bar obscenities (or numerals).

But Americans otherwise enjoy wide latitude to name their children. Witness the Kanye/Kardashian baby named North West. Singer Jermaine Jackson has a son named Jermajesty. Actor Rob Morrow's daughter is named Tu. (Get it?)

Some demographic groups are famous for making up names for their offspring. Google "Mormon name generator," for example.

And why not? Sometimes it feels like our naming conventions could use a shot of originality. A generation of Michaels and Marys gave way to the Jennifers and Jasons, with Matthew and Emily never far from the top of the list. Currently it's Sophia/Isabella/Olivia and Jacob, Jacob, Jacob. Or Jacob F., Jacob A. and Jacob W.

How disheartening it must be to scour the Internet for a novel baby name, only to learn at preschool parent night that your little angel is not Ashley, but Ashley S.

Messiah, it turns out, isn't all that imaginative. In 2012, it was the 387th most popular baby boy's name in America, according to the Social Security Administration. (Jesus was 101st.) Messiah has been climbing steadily since 2005, when it was 904th.

The Tennessee baby's mother wasn't making a religious statement when she chose his name. She was going for alliteration. Messiah's big brothers are named Micah and Maison. The parents, meanwhile, have resolved their disagreement over the baby's surname. He is now officially Messiah Deshawn McCullough. Or Messiah M. for short.

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Turning Carolinians into a historic minority

It was the subtle message in salient points raised by Mr. Frank R. Agulto's recent take on Kilili's passivity in the protection of the indigenous people that screamed for attention.

At issue is Delegate Gregorio C. Sablan Kilili's push to make 13,000 foreigners U.S. citizens via grandfathering under a U.S. Senate measure.

It would instantly make Carolinians an historic first minority here. Perhaps it's his Trojan horse to secure future elections over an indigenous group he's decided to trash. We're not ready for his socially and politically disruptive agenda. We're prepared to deal with it tooth and nail!

Be that as it may, didn't the U.S. Senate recently voted 55-41 defeating the Dream Act that would have given 11 million illegal immigrants a quick pathway to U.S. citizenship?

Kilili has chosen to be the chief architect of the marginalization of our Carolinian brothers and sisters. His signature issue would force Carolinians to bow to a new majority besides Chamorros. It shows a mindset that isn't moored in the unique cultural traditions of these islands other than a display of a likely cultural shipwreck so admirably misguided.

Lest Kilili forgets, the indigenous people have the time-honored resiliency and resolve to unite under the "cultural tradition of deference to harmony" to improve the lot of our people. Our children's dreams and aspirations serve as our inspiration to act with resolve and responsibility to move forward, all the while doing what is right. Your agenda is dead wrong!

Mind you, "culture is almost identical to people or nation; in short, everything that is uplifting and edifying, as opposed to commerce.

"The link that is culture is what makes possible, on a high level, the rich social life that constitutes a people, their customs, styles, tastes, festivals, rituals, gods—all that binds individuals into a group with roots, in a community in which they think and will generally, with a people a moral unity, and the individual united within himself. A culture is a work of art, of which the fine arts are the sublime expression.

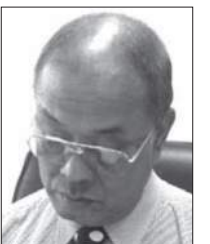
"In all of us there is a hunger marrow deeply rooted searching for who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life there is still a vacuum, emptiness and the most disquieting loneliness."

Do you wish, through your position, to emplace "vacuum, emptiness and disquieting loneliness" as your halo of achievement in the ruination of the cultural values and sense of belonging of our Carolinian brothers and sisters?

It isn't the fault of the indigenous people that we have so many overstayers who now pine for instant soba-like U.S. citizenship at the expense of our Carolinian brothers and sisters.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It isn't the fault of the indigenous people that Kilili failed to understand that the issue is one of jurisdiction and not a reason to permanently displace Carolinians. In brief, they are here as workers, therefore all must apply for permanent residency via U.S. immigration.

No covert animus is intended in this straightforward view. Now, let's hear Kilili's dubious polemics.

Obstructionist on pension law

Sticking to fidelity to the rule of law, Rep. Janet Maratita introduced a resolution reminding the governor and her colleagues of the constitutionally protected pension fund.

It's under Article 3, Section 20 of the NMI Constitution. It effectively prohibits reduction of pension pay and further stops the violation of a contractual agreement. And it guarantees 100 percent payment too.

But legislative theatrics derailed its adoption. Unfortunately, members who've voted for contradictory resolutions only affirm what Article 3, Section 20 says in addition to confirming grand disorientation.

Troubling that most have not even taken the time to read the Constitution in its entirety. As such they have no clue what it says or doesn't say. Or is it a case of a reckless disregard of the bedrock law of these isles? Whatever happened to the "oath of office"?

Article 3 prohibits reduction of retirees' pay. This is clearly what it says. It didn't say if you don't like it because you find it a fiscal nuisance you are at liberty to violate it. May I reiterate: Didn't you take the oath of office to uphold the laws of the land?

The highly suspect settlement agreement is attributable to purposeful ignorance, confusion, disinformation, and misinterpretation from people who view the law of the land through lenses that would diminish, distort, or actually ignore what Article 3, Section 20 says. And we've placed our future at the feet of people who don't even read their own Constitution? No wonder the persistent disorientation and perpetuation of mediocrity!

Didn't we just impeach "I am the rule"—to prevent the formation of a statist or dictatorial government?

I'm not trying to proselytize or convert politicians to see it my
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Ink about ink**By ED STEPHENS**

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When it comes to modern trends rooted in an ancient art, consider an industry that's no stranger to Saipan: tattoos.

The industry has been enjoying a lot of popularity in the U.S. According to one estimate, the 15,000 or so tattoo parlors in the U.S. have been inking sales of \$2.3 billion a year. Dividing one by the other yields an average of \$153,333 per parlor, per year. That scale means we're talking small businesses, so this industry must attract a lot of entrepreneurs and artisans.

The popularity has been building for a long time. We can look back a decade to when people were looking back a decade. In this vein, a 2002 article in *National Geographic News* noted about tattoos that "everyone seems to agree that the last decade has seen explosive growth."

I don't have international data on the gig, but U.S. data is interesting. I think you can win a bar bet on this one: Who is more likely to have a tattoo, women or men?

The answer, according to survey data published by Harris Interactive last year, is: women.

In that survey, 23 percent of women said they have at least one tattoo, vs. 19 percent of men.

So it won't surprise you that, overall, 21 percent of Americans (adults, that is) are tattooed.

But wait, there's more: A 2008 *Wall Street Journal* article cited a Pew study saying that 36 percent of 18- to 25-year olds had tattoos.

You can get a feeling for the popularity of tattoos without leaving a bookstore. There is a lot of ink being spilled about getting inked.

For example, Saipan's Bestseller has three tattoo magazines in stock: *Ink Fashion*, *Rebel Ink*, and *Tattoo Magazine*. That's an impressive array for such a small island.

And they're not the only titles out there; such is the popularity of tattoos. I called a large bookstore in the mainland and asked which tattoo magazines they carry. I tallied 11. Here they are: *Tattoos for Women*, *Tattoos for Men*, *Tattoo Ideas*, *Tattoo Life*, *Tattoo Revue*, *Tattoo Savage*, *Total Tattoo*, *Tattoo Collection*, *Skin & Ink*, *Inked*, and *Urban Ink*. Some of these magazines are monthly and some come out on other schedules.

Tattoos made the news early this week as the U.S. Army was reportedly in the process of inking some more rules on ink. Recruits will not be allowed to have tattoos that show above the neck line, below the elbow, or below the knee.

Well, I don't know if this idea will slip past the regulations, but I'll mention it anyway. A character in a novel by Jimmy Buffet (Where is Joe Merchant?) had eyeballs tattooed onto his eyelids. When his eyes were shut they still looked open.

I like that idea, and not only for tough guys in novels, but also for the discerning executive in corporate life. Can you imagine how

much extra sleep you'd get if you could only close your eyes during meetings? Even two hours a week of extra shut-eye would make life a lot better.

Do-it-yourself tattoo kits are available. One of several offerings at Amazon.com is priced at \$55.95, and, yes, that's for making real tattoos.

Hey, that sounds like a bargain to me. So I was hoping I could tattoo my own eyelids. Then I realized that (1) I can't even put in eye drops, and (2) I have no artistic abilities. So I'm sunk on this count. I am condemned to remaining forever unhip and inkless, a rebel without a clue.

I once heard that Thomas Edison had something to do with tattoos, and as it turns out, he did.

The tattoo, of course, predates modern machinery, but the modern, commercial method typically uses an electric device (called a "gun" in the Amazon ads I saw) that powers a needle. This is where Mr. Edison comes in. He's credited with inventing the basic device, the electric stencil pen, in 1876, though it wasn't meant for tattooing people. A few years later, someone else hooked up an ink-feeding system to Edison's device to make it into a tattoo machine. Various refinements and improvements quickly followed.

One step in the evolution was the "tattooing device" patented in 1904 by Charles Wagner, a New York tattooist.

I don't know how the formal realms are divided up, but my work in the Pacific has taken me where traditional tattoos are in evidence (particularly in Polynesia), Asian tattoos are in evidence (particularly in Japan), and Western-style tattoos are in evidence, too (anywhere you can find westerners). I've seen all these realms represented on Saipan, which is yet one more result of Saipan's exotic crossroads status.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**The American insult continues**

First and foremost, let it be known that I love the CNMI and I will put my life on the line right next to any local in protecting and serving these islands. But I will not stand by and watch a people being man-handled and misled by a dwindling few who refuse to admit that the CNMI must change its game plan as the one that was established in the creation of the Commonwealth is not working out! We only need to reflect on all the federal intervention that has taken place forcing the CNMI to do the right thing to realize there have been some big mistakes. But what gets me is that our leaders haven't learned a darn thing from these mistakes, which is why they are still repeating them.

The proposed amendment to Article 12 is an insult to every American taxpayer and they have sent billions to help the CNMI. First, being a person who fought for Chamorro and Carolinian equality in the mainland, how dare the NMD's insult the mainland citizens who gained the right through the civil rights movement to be equal in all parts and in every aspect of being in America? How dare you insult the thousands of dead American servicemen who gave their lives giving you back the land and freedom? How can you insult the mainland citizens who work at CHC to save lives and care for the ailments of local people? How dare you insult the mainland citizens who are entrusted with teaching local children how to live and function in an American society? How dare you insult the mainland citizens who are asked to come here as professionals in many

capacities to help the CNMI? How dare you insult the mainland citizens who sit next to locals in Mass but can't own their home next door? But most importantly, which is why I keep repeating it, how dare you insult the honor and integrity of the local military personnel who are fighting and dying for the United States' Constitution, not the Covenant. They are putting their life on the line in a mission to give equality and democracy to other people in other countries. *Basta* enough and have some respect for your own people!

I don't have anything against the promotion of Northern Marianas decent and I applaud them for wanting to preserve the culture but the application of discrimination among equal citizens is not acceptable in America. The American insult will end one day as you can't fight equality forever—a lesson history has taught time and time again. FYI locals, especially NMD's, you need to know that

Article 12 is already dead! It died the moment the alien workforce outnumbered the local population, as it is just a matter of time! I can easily predict, even though I may not be here nor the present NMD's will be here to see it, but I know Article 12 won't stand the test of time, especially when the alien workers' children become the majority. I hope the NMD's get it now and it's too late to do a darn thing about it, which is why the feds tried for a decade to warn our leaders before it was too late and they didn't listen to them, just like they don't listen to us! I have constantly reminded readers, especially my critics, that time is on my side, with many of the issues I have written about and now I'm being proven right again!

Ambrose M Bennett*Kagman, Saipan***CAROLINIANS***From Page 10*

way. But then you're quite agile throwing constitutional law against the curb of grand negligence. What could a Senate resolution do to help those who opt out? Isn't the ruling constitutional provision still Article 3, Section 20 that requires 100 percent payment of retirees' pension? Humiliating!

Bennett's diatribe

Historical errors aplenty in A. Bennett's diatribe deserve clarification. The Covenant agreement is U.S. Public Law 94-241 that includes Section 805 on land alienation. If your beef is about "equality," why didn't you pound the same message on land owned by Native Americans? Aren't they U.S. citizens, therefore the concept of a nation within a nation an irrelevant issue mirrored against justice?

The U.S. Congress saw the need—by approving the agreement—to violate the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution in the interest of the indigenous people of the NMI. It was a matter of international obligations to protect our cultural traditions to which Mr. Ambrose Bennett has none at all. Clear? How about some respect for your permanent hosts? Have you cashed your check stamped "insufficient funds"?

The 15 Constitution violators

When the 18th Legislature's House of Representatives were elected into public offices they swore to protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the CNMI. It is very disturbing to know that 15 members of the House of Representatives voted to support the Betty Johnson settlement agreement and totally disregarded the mandate of our CNMI Constitution Article 3 Section 20 that accrued benefits shall not be diminished or impaired. There are no synonyms or antonyms that can be used to interpret this mandate otherwise. It is a contractual obligation between our government and members of the NMI Retirement Fund, plain and simple!

It is very disheartening for us who participated, who stood up along the roadside, demonstrating against corruption that successfully voted out Fitial's candidates and replaced them with these 15 members who now disregarded their oaths of office and our public

trust. Fitial was impeached for violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully discharge his duties as mandated by laws of the CNMI. These 15 members committed a more serious violations than Fitial—a violation of their constitutional oath to faithfully protect and defend our CNMI Constitution. Fitial's violation of CNMI laws forced us to demonstrate along the road. How about these 15 members' serious constitutional violations—do we just clap our hands for them? Election is coming up again, we know what to do!

It makes me very suspicious on the motive of the 15 Constitution violators who were involved in Fitial's impeachment. Was it because Fitial is a Carolinian?

Jesus Ilo Taisague*Koblerville, Saipan***Speak for yourself**

Ambrose, stop talking before you hurt yourself. First of all, the local majority respect American values and teachings. We don't have a problem with America; we just have a problem with you. Even if it says U.S. citizen on my passport, I'm still an islander and I'm damn proud to be called an islander. As much as we love to live in a democratic society, we still must grasp unto us what has been passed down for generations: Our land. Local tradition has it that we pass our land from father to son and it has been done this way for generations.

Why must we give in to amending Article 12? Why must we give in to electronic gaming and casinos? Why do we sweeten deals for investors to invest in our islands? It all boils down to: We need their money. Our ancestors will turn in their graves seeing us sell land because of money. Imagine the years our ancestors spent preserving the land just for us to lose it because of our desperation! If you

choose to sell your land then that's your problem. Just hate to see our children's children renting an apartment from foreigners. As it is already happening!






Let me make this clear, Mr. Bennett. We may live like Americans but will never be Americans. America must and should respect the Covenant agreed decades ago. America has too many issues even if it's not theirs and we sure as hell won't want to be too involved. I believe that America could learn something here. So if you want change to Article 12, get on your trike and hold up your picket sign while cruising on Beach Road. Thanks for your time. Your people, wrong direction.

Vince G. Cabrera*Chalan Piao, Saipan*

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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| Yap | Showers | ▲ 87 ▼ 77 |
| Chuuk | Showers | ▲ 87 ▼ 77 |
| Pohnpei | Showers | ▲ 88 ▼ 74 |
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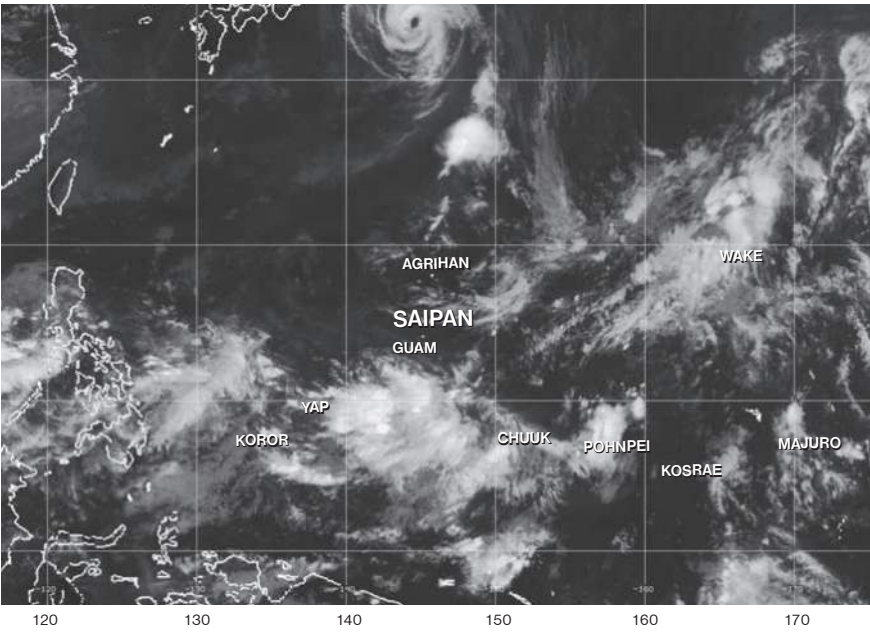
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| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 87 ▼ 75 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 65 ▼ 56 |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | ▲ 76 ▼ 57 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲ 82 ▼ 77 |
| Melbourne | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 69 ▼ 45 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲ 90 ▼ 75 |
| New York | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 71 ▼ 54 |
| Osaka | Sunny | ▲ 78 ▼ 63 |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 77 ▼ 60 |
| Pusan | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 76 ▼ 66 |
| Rome | Sunny | ▲ 79 ▼ 59 |
| Salem | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 66 ▼ 45 |
| San Francisco | Sunny | ▲ 69 ▼ 56 |
| Seoul | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 75 ▼ 58 |
| Tokyo | Sunny | ▲ 74 ▼ 58 |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 77 ▼ 59 |

Tides

| Saipan Harbor | | | |
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| 12:31 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.6 Feet |
| 8:15 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.2 Feet |
| 3:41 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.5 Feet |
| 9:03 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.2 Feet |

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Convergent southwest winds are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northwest of Koror between 9N and 13N from 130E to 135E. A surface trough extends from east of Guam to a weak circulation centered northeast of Chuuk near 10N151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring between Yap and Chuuk between 6N and 11N from 140E to 151E. Convergent south winds are producing scattered showers west of Pohnpei between 5N and 9N from 155E to 157E. A surface trough stretches northeastward from the circulation centered near 10N151E to end north of Wake Island near 25N170E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms can be within 175 miles of the trough axis from 17N162E northeastward to 25N170 including Wake Island.

Sunrise/Sunset

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| Saturday | 6:06 AM | 6:09 PM |
| Sunday | 6:07 AM | 6:08 PM |
| Monday | 6:07 AM | 6:07 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:07 AM | 6:07 PM |

Moonrise/Moonset

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| Today | 12:29 PM |
| Saturday | 12:09 AM |
| Sunday | 12:58 AM |
| Monday | 1:47 AM |
| Tuesday | 2:36 AM |

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| DEPARTURES | | | | ARRIVALS | | | |
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| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) | | | | GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA5070 | 4:35am | 5:25am | 2, 4, 6, 7 | UA 5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5062 | 4:50am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 | UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA5068 | 8:35am | 9:25am | Daily | UA5073 | 10:00am | 10:50am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5074 | 11:20am | 12:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 | UA5075 | 1:45pm | 2:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5076 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | Daily | UA5077 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | Daily |
| UA5078 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | Daily | UA5079 | 8:20pm | 9:10pm | Daily |
| UA5072 | 9:45pm | 10:35pm | Daily | | | | |
| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) | | | | GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP) | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | Daily | UA5062 | 2:40am | 3:15am | 1, 3, 5 |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:20pm | Daily | UA5038 | 10:10am | 10:45am | 6 |
| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) | | | | ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN | | | |
| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 1, 4, 5, 7 | UA5062 | 3:45am | 4:20am | 1, 3, 5 |
| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) | | | | UA5038 | 11:15am | 11:50am | 6 |
| OZ606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 | NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN | | | |
| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily | DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:30am+1 | Daily |
| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) | | | | BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN | | | |
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 | OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) | | | | SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN | | | |
| MU764 | 4:10am | 8:00am | 1, 5 | OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) | | | | OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 | OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV) | | | | SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN | | | |
| SYL9950 | 6:40pm | 1:30am+1 | 7 | 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) | | | | BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN | | | |
| OZ606/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN | MU763 | 7:55pm | 3:10am+1 | 4, 7 |
| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA5070/191 | 4:35am | 9:55am | 6 via GUM | 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |
| UA5062/191 | 4:50am | 9:55am | 3 via GUM | KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN | | | |
| DL287/173 | 6:05am | 10:05pm | Daily via NRT | SYL9949 | 12:45pm | 5:20pm | 7 |
| UA5068/PR111 | 8:35am | 4:45pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM | MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA5074/PR111 | 11:20am | 4:45pm | 1, 5, 7 via GUM | PR110/UA5072 | 7:35am | 6:25pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM | DL172/288 | 7:55am | 1:30am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM | UA190/5079 | 10:55am | 9:10pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| OZ604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:45pm | Daily via ICN | OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG) | | | | OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN | UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | UA184/5071 | 11:35pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5076/147 | 3:10pm | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM | OZ704/603 | 11:45pm | 2:20pm+1 | Daily via ICN |
| OZ604/745 | 3:30pm | 10:40pm | Daily via ICN | HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN | | | |
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| | | | | UA180/5071 | 10:45pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |
| | | | | UA180/5071 | 10:50pm | 8:05am+1 | 3, 6 GUM |

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency | Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
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| Guam-Rota | | | | FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily | FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| Rota-Saipan | | | | FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily | FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| Guam-Rota | | | | FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily | FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| Rota-Saipan | | | | Tinian-Saipan | | | |
| FRE 400 | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily | FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| Saipan-Rota | | | | FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily | FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| Rota-Guam | | | | FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily | FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| Rota-Guam | | | | FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily | FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| Saipan-Tinian | | | | FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily | FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily | FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily | FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily | FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily | FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily | | | | |



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Governor wants review of \$500 fire safety code permit

» Implementation may be suspended pending meeting with DPS, Fire chiefs

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REPORTER

While pointing out the need to comply with fire safety rules and laws, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he wants a review of the \$500 fire safety code permit that the Commonwealth Fire Division has started requiring businesses to pay once again.

At this point, Inos said, the best thing he might do is suspend the fee implementation until after a meeting with Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero and Commonwealth Fire Division chief Tom Manglona.

Inos, in an interview Wednesday, said he would like to hear from the DPS commissioner and the Fire chief about the program, its implementation and

goal.

"The best I can do right now is tell them to stop until we meet," he said, or "until we have a chance to go over it."

The governor's specific concerns include the permit cost that he said is steep and the night inspections, while his suggestions include making some "adjustments" for businesses with full fire insurance or imposing the fee in a gradual manner.

He hopes that the visits to businesses are done in an objective and equitable manner.

"At this point in time I think that maybe, just in my view, the fee should be a gradual thing as opposed to whatever it is—\$500 fee. That's quite a drastic increase in the face of economic challenges that a lot of these businesses have. Granted, I

think that the fire department should play a major role in signing off on the occupancy or recertification that these facilities need fire code standards," he said at the Coral Ocean Point renovation groundbreaking on Wednesday.

Some businesses interviewed said the Fire Division's fire safety code permit and the Department of Public Works' certificate of occupancy seem "overlapping" and "duplicative."

Inos said there needs to be recertification, among other things.

"Yes maybe they were certified to have fulfilled the requirements that they were good at the time they first occupied the building which could be five years or eight years ago.

Now this certification should be a continuing thing because there are alterations, modifications, expansion to the building, or new application that required a more intense fire resistant or prevention activities," he said.

The governor said the random inspection approach is "probably not a bad idea as long as it is objective," fair and equitable.

"But their doing this at night is probably something I would not approve of, that they should do this during regular working hours and so forth," he said, adding, however, that the nature of business could be a factor. For example, a business may be open only at night such as bars.

Some barbecue stands said the \$500 fire safety code permit is much more than what

they make, and much more than what they pay for space rental, business license, and other licenses and fees combined.

But the governor said that, while they may be small, barbecue stands have the presence of fire and cooking, which are significant fire risks, compared to a bigger business that does not involve cooking, for example.

Inos said part of consideration is fire insurance coverage.

"If you're insured fully, maybe there needs to be some adjustment," he said.

Meanwhile, the House Committee on Commerce chaired by Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) discussed Wednesday the \$500 fire safety code permit and the business concerns associated with it.

"The next plan is to call in the DPS commissioner and Fire Division chief and the Department of Public Works. We try to have a meeting with

them early next week," Villagomez said.

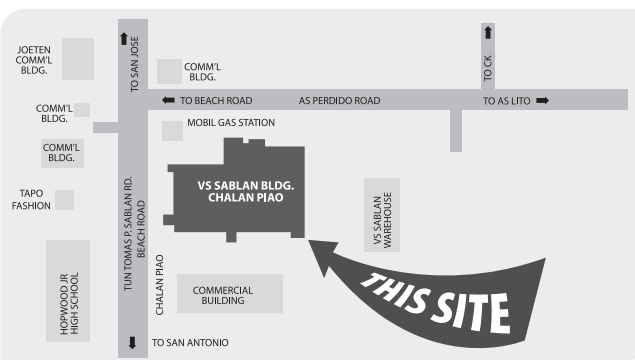
Businesses interviewed earlier said Fire Division personnel—in groups of two to seven—visited them at night, personally handed them permit applications that they have to file and pay within 15 to 30 days or pay a fine of up to \$1,000.

The businesses described the \$500 permit as "outrageous" and "unreasonable," while the Fire Division chief said no one can put a price on human life as he talked about the importance of complying with fire safety codes to save lives and property.

DPS' Commonwealth Fire Division first implemented its regulations that include the \$500 fire safety code permit in late 2011 to early 2012.

This was temporarily stopped months later when the then Fitial administration suspended the implementation of regulations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY 2013 Fourth General Membership Meeting on Monday, September 30, 2013 from 8:30 – 11:30 am at the Aqua Resort Club. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Review & Adoption of Agenda**
- IV. **Review and Adoption of FY 2013 Third General Membership Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2013**
- V. **Reports**
 - SILC Acting Chairperson
 - CLI Director
 - OVR Director
- VI. **Old Business**
 - 2014 SILC Congress
 - Update of SILC Membership Composition
- VII. **New Business**
 - Status of FY 2014 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)
 - FY 2014 SILC Resource Plan
 - Contract Award to CNMI Center for Living Independently
 - Review of FY 2013 SILC Member Attendance
 - SILC Parliamentarian
 - Ad-Hoc Committee to Review SILC By-Laws
 - Election of Officers
- VIII. **Consumer Forum**
- IX. **Announcements/Miscellaneous**
- X. **Adjournment**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require reasonable accommodations are asked to call in and make their requests known two (2) days before the meeting. For more information, please contact Elvira Seman at 322-6537/8 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY).

/s/ **Consolacion Atalig**
Acting Chairperson

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Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair on Oct. 12

Marianas Pacific Distributors will be holding its "2013 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" event on Oct. 12 at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, from 10am up to 4pm. There is no entrance fee.

"This event will broaden health awareness and promote the wellbeing within our families," said MARPAC administrative assistant Michelle C. Villacrusis.

MAARPAC is inviting all organizations and companies that target families like health care providers, insurance companies, government agencies, non-profit organizations, childcare development centers, and other organizations take part in the fair.

"Just like last year, we are hoping to sign up vendors to join us in promoting health and

wellness and seek those that are able to provide health screenings during fair. There are still a few available slots open if any healthcare providers, dental/eye clinics, health organizations, etc. that would like to join," said Villacrusis.

Some games during the "2013 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" include Diaper Derby, Quick Crawl, and Baby Bottle Drinker.

Diaper Derby is a competition for the fastest diaper changer and there will be two divisions—mommies and daddies division. Quick Crawl, as its name suggests, find out who is the fastest baby crawler. Baby Bottle Drinker will pit mom and dad on who can finish their bottle of chocolate milk first.

The fair's centerpiece is the Baby Pageant. It is open to all babies who still use diapers daily.

Villacrusis said costumes must be made out of Huggies diapers and using a diaper brand other than Huggies is cause for automatic disqualification.

To get a registration form for the pageant, contact Villacrusis at 234-7113 or mvillacrusis@marpacspn.com.

Villacrusis is also encouraging the public to save all UPC codes from any Huggies merchandise packaging (diaper case boxes, wrappers, Huggies wipes tubs, etc.) to redeem free Huggies products (baby wipes, T-shirts, bibs, and hats). There will also be a raffle drawing.

Huggies also has an ongoing promotion in participating stores. People who buy Huggies products are eligible to enter the grand prize raffle by writing their name and contact information on their receipt and dropping it into the drop

box at the store.

In order to win, participants must be present at the "2013 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" The grand prize is either a one-year supply of Enfamil and/or a one-year supply of Huggies Diapers and Wipes. The former prize will only have one winner,

while the latter will have two.

MARPAC will also feature some its other products during the fair, including Huggies Diapers and Wipes, SUN detergents, Enfamil formulas, Glade, Windex, Scrubbing Bubbles, OFF Spray, Scott, Cottonelle tissue, among others. (Saipan Tribune)



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Colin Fejeran, seen here wearing a Ghostbusters's marshmallow man costume while being held by his parents Sasha A. Leon Guerrero and Jason M. Fejeran, won the 2012 Baby Pageant of the "Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" event.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy, happy birthday to Marlon Dean Cabrera! You are officially out of the calendar, man! Cheers to you and another year and may you be blessed with many more birthdays to come! We love you! Much love from your darling wife Cat, your three munchkins, Caleb, Calen, and Cayli, your mother and grandmother, and your Big Bro!

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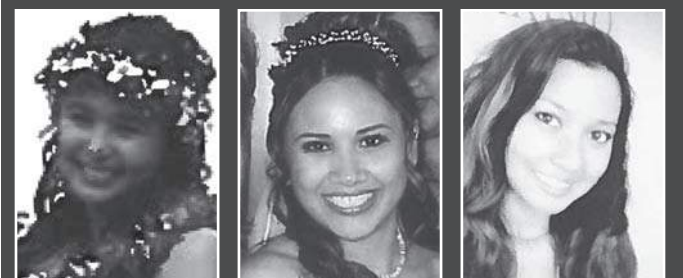


Happy birthday to our dear sister, Janna Monica! May our good Lord continue to bless you today, tomorrow and always! We love you beyond compare!

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This birthday shoutout goes out to the funniest, most outgoing, the greatest, and bestest father there is, Stanley S. Santos! Happy birthday Daddy! May the Lord continue to bless you with more happiness, more love, good health, and many more birthdays to come. Every year with you we will always cherish and keep with us forever. Wish we were there to celebrate another year with you but just know that we all love you unconditionally. Much love coming your way from your wife Zenaida, your eight kids, daughter- and sons-in-law, and your only grandbaby Kimani.

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This birthday shoutout goes out to Dr. Madaleine Palacios De Beer (Ohio), Christine Palacios D. Camacho (Guam), and Erica Ann Palacios (Saipan). Happy birthday to you all and God bless! Greetings come from Becky P. Cruz families and friends.

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28TH INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP 10,290 lbs of trash collected

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

A total of 10,290 lbs of trash was collected by over a thousand people in last week's 28th annual International Beach Cleanup on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

According to Coastal Resources Management ICC coordinator Nicole Schafer, a total of 5,660 lbs of trash was collected by 698 people on Saipan.

Despite strong rain and winds last Saturday, Schafer said many organizations still pressed ahead with the fight for trash-free seas.

Some 793 lbs of trash was picked up on Tinian on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, and a total of 145 people participated.

"In the end we collected enough trash to fill 42 trash bags," said CRM ICC Tinian coordinator Ed Hofschneider, adding that the cleanup picked up trash at 10 beach sites.

A record breaking 3,837 lbs of trash was collected by 699 volunteers on Rota on Friday. Rota's cleanup was in conjunction with the Rota Mayor's Office's islandwide cleanup and, according to Rota ICC coordinator William Pendergrass, the total number of volunteers was almost 30 percent of the island's population.

"Special thanks to DPW for donating the trash receptacles, weighing the trash, and dispos-

ing of the trash and to MINA for helping to organize the receptacle placement at Fishing Base along with CRM," Schafer said. "Thanks to CRM and DEQ for going around and collecting trash from cleanup sites. And thanks to all the volunteers that helped clean our beaches."

The organizations that participated in the 28th ICC on Saipan include: GHD Inc., Saipan International School, U.S. Coast Guard, D&Q Saipan and Cosmos Distributing, Saipan Community School, Pacific Oriental Inc. dba POI Aviation, CTSI Logistics, Mount Carmel School sophomore class, Lions Club International, Region 2 District 204, Tan Holdings Adopt-A-Pavilion Team, Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center, Saipan Hash House Harriers, Pacific Island's Club Saipan.

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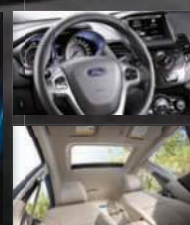
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Pictured are giveaways that selected public high school students will receive after completing the American Red Cross Hands-Only CPR. Red Cross is scheduled to conduct mass training at the high schools by December 2013.

The American Red Cross – NMI Chapter is scheduled to train 1,000 high school students of the Public School System in hands-only CPR.

Through a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, the chapter will teach students lifesaving skills that will be used during cardiac emergencies.

Hands-only CPR, also called Citizen CPR, gives participants the basic knowledge and skills needed to respond during cardiac emergencies. The 30-minute course focuses on chest compression techniques without any rescue breathing.

“We are very excited to know that more

people in our community will be trained in CPR,” said John Hirsh, NMI Chapter executive director. “For many years, PSS has always been a great supporter of the Red Cross, and partnering with them seemed like a perfect fit.”

Of the current CNMI population, the chapter certifies about 1,200 people yearly in first aid, CPR, and aquatics such as lifeguarding.

“Most people who experience a cardiac emergency get help from bystanders,” said Kennedy Benjamin, NMI Chapter Health & Safety Service Delivery manager. “We hope this training will better prepare our youth and help

save lives.”

Through this and other lifesaving initiatives, Red Cross hopes the community will realize the importance of getting training in first aid and CPR.

The public high school population in the CNMI is close to 3,500. The chapter will train selected high school students on the three islands. The expected completion date of all the training will be December 2013. Not only will students be trained, but they will also walk away with a compression-practice tool, a wallet first aid kit, an emergency first aid guide, and a First Aid/CPR/AED ready reference skill card. (ARC)

MANGO sets membership drive for CNMI non-profits

The Marianas Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations, Inc., or MANGO, is inviting all non-governmental organizations or non-profits to attend its annual membership meeting on Sept. 30, 2013, at 3pm, at the NMPASI conference room in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

MANGO is also launching its annual membership drive to register and welcome all non-profits or NGOs as associate members.

“Our goal is to expand current membership and to better plan and collaborate as a strong non-profit sector alliance so that we can proactively access valuable endowment and federal grant dollars, continually build local capacity, and be more proficient in our roles as volunteers and board members,” said the group in a statement yesterday. “Our objective is to improve our service delivery systems such that we maximize program and service impact to our target consumers from the meager grant resources and skills talent we seek and access.”

Since its inception in December 2010, MANGO has provided a series of local capacity building trainings in partnership with Payu-ta, Inc. (Guam’s umbrella association for non-profits) and the Office of Minority Health Resources.

The trainings provided to date and which are geared exclusively for non-profit volunteers and board members only included board de-


velopment, resource development, grants writing, fundraising, fiscal management, advocacy, grants writing, leadership development, and strategic planning, and train-the-trainers. Future trainings will include financial literacy and cultural competency, among others.

Please email your organization’s official name, valid mailing address, official point of contact(s), valid e-mail addresses, officers’ names and valid phone and fax contacts to: mangononprofits@gmail.com.


MANGO president Maria C. Pangelinan can be contacted at maria_p@marianashealth.com and MANGO general email at mangononprofits@gmail.com.

MANGO was chartered and licensed by the CNMI Corporate Registrar in December 2010, and is the umbrella association for all NGOs or non-profits in the CNMI and is an associate member of the regional Pacific Coalition. Founding members include Maria Cepeda Pangelinan, Polly Omechelang, Maisie Bermudes Tenorio, Frances Manibusan Sablan, Jesse J. Torres, Al Cabael, Joann Aquino, Lydia D. Igitol, John DLR. “Bolis” Gonzales, Rhea Chong, George Cruz, and Rose Castro.

New members are always welcome and look forward to finalizing our new membership database to include as many, if not all, of non-profit groups on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. (MANGO)



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 DPW14-RFP-001

DEMOLITION, SALVAGE AND RECOVERY
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE, ROADS & GROUNDS,
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Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the DEMOLITION, SALVAGE AND RECOVERY for Department of Public Works Operations & Maintenance, Roads & Grounds, Transportation / Automotive and Heavy Equipment Divisions Building Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prior to being awarded a contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Scope of Work is available on or after September 27, 2013 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the of Public Works Lower Base Compound, on October 16, 2013. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 2:30 p.m. local time October 23, 2013.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only sub-consultants may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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| 3. Response to RFP | - 20% |
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Sealed proposals must be marked “DPW14-RFP-001”. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, October 25, 2013 to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, October 25, 2013, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 25, 2013 and must be received no later than November 04, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.


The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW13-IFB-007

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids proposal for the **Repair and Renovation of Rota Liason Facility**, Navy Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after September 20, 2013 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on October 01, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. local time at the Project Site, **Rota Liason Facility, Navy Hill**, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 2:30 p.m. local time on October 07, 2013 to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director, Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked “**DPW13-IFB-007**”. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time October 10, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time October 10, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 10, 2013, and must be received no later than October 17, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:30 a.m. local time, October 21, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. local time, on October 15, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, no cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the **Northern Marianas Island Administrative Code Section 70.30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (**90**) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (**\$100.00**) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply



ernment revenues.”

According to Philippine news reports, Napoles allegedly created bogus non-government organizations that was supposed to benefit farmers and agricultural workers. Government officials, including some prominent senators and congressmen, would regularly channel their so-called pork barrel funds to these straw organizations for supposed projects beneficial to the public.

However, no such projects actually exist, as Napoles would allegedly funnel back around 70 percent of the funds to the officials and keep 30 percent, a part of which she spreads to other minor agency officials who facilitate the release of funds.

(Mark Rabago)

Participants of last Saturday's rally against the pork barrel scam in the Philippines display their placards at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe.

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USP4GG holds rally vs pork barrel scam in PH

The Marianas chapter of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Government held a protest rally on Saturday at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe against the ongoing pork barrel scam in the Philippines, waving placards that read “*Kayod kami ng kayod, nakaw kayo ng nakaw*” (We work hard, you steal), “Zero tolerance for corruption,” and “Congress: Biggest Criminal Syndicate?”

During Saturday's rally on Saipan, the local chapter of the USP4GG discussed updates on the plunder case filed against alleged scam conduit Janet Lim Napoles and Philippine senators Juan Ponce Enrile, Ramon “Bong” Revilla, and Jinggoy Estrada.

“We all agreed that we should be vigilant and have one voice to scrap the pork barrel and to ensure that the thieves of the PDAF [Priority Development Assistance Fund] be prosecuted. ... These thieves have no conscience at all, stealing billions of pesos yet the poor of the Philippines are eating the ‘pagpag’ (leftovers) and cannot afford to buy medicines for their illness,” said Dr. Celia Lamkin, USP4GG Marianas Chapter chairwoman.

She said the huge amount of money allegedly stolen by Napoles and her cohorts could have been used to build low-cost housing units for the poor, build more classrooms in public schools, and improve healthcare services.

Lamkin said the USP4GG Marianas Chapter is urging Philippine President Benigno C. Aquino III to exercise his strong moral leadership to “scrap the PDAF, stop the plunder, and restore the dignity to Congress and Senate.”

People who attended the rally also called for the immediate arrest and prosecution of

the “thieves” involved in the pork barrel scam.

Lamkin told the assembled crowd that even though they are not living in the Philippines, they too have as much stake in the crisis currently embroiling their home country.

“Overseas Filipinos comprising contract workers, green card or permanent residents, and U.S. citizens (Filipino-Americans) who make up the global Filipinos in diaspora in all parts of the world profoundly contribute to the economy of the Philippines through our remittances. And these thieves are stealing our money. We have the right to ask for accountability and transparency of all the monies we have contributed to the Philippine gov-

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of
The Petition To
Appoint General
Guardianship For:

M.B.C. III (01/30/98),
F.E.C.I. (4/16/99),
L.J.D.C. (5/31/06), &
P.M.C.C. (9/5/07)
Minor Children

By:

Michael Lee Abrams
Petitioner

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CIVIL ACTION
NO. 13-0452

NOTICE OF
HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 10, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2013

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Business

USPS seeks increase in cost of stamps, to 49 cents

WASHINGTON (AP)—It soon could cost 49 cents to mail a letter.

The postal Board of Governors said Wednesday it wants to raise the price of a first-class stamp by 3 cents, citing the agency's "precarious financial condition" and the uncertain prospects for postal overhaul legislation in Congress.

"Of the options currently available to the Postal Service to align costs and revenues, increasing postage prices is a last resort that reflects extreme financial challenges," board chairman Mickey Barnett wrote customers.

The rate proposal must be approved by the independent Postal Regulatory Commission. If the commission accepts it, the increase would become effective Jan. 26.

Under federal law the post office cannot raise its prices more than the rate of inflation unless it gets approval from the commission. In seeking the increase, Barnett cited "extraordinary and exceptional circumstances which have contributed to continued financial losses" by the agency.

As part of the rate increase request, the cost for each additional ounce of first-class mail would increase a penny to 21 cents while the price of mailing a postcard



In this Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013, file photo, U.S. Postal Service letter carrier, Jamesa Euler, delivers mail, in Atlanta.

would rise by a cent, to 34 cents. The cost to mail a letter to an international destination would jump 5 cents to \$1.15.

Many consumers won't feel the increase immediately. Forever stamps bought before an increase still would cover first-class postage. The price of new forever stamps would be at the

higher rate, if approved.

The Postal Service also said it would request price increases totaling 5.9 percent for bulk mail, periodicals and package service rates, according to a filing to be made with the commission Thursday.

Media and marketing businesses that rely on postal ser-

vices say a big increase in rates could hurt them and lower postal volume and revenues.

Rafe Morrissey, the Greeting Card Association's vice president of postal affairs, said the rate increases were "no substitute for common-sense, structural reforms" and the group hoped they would be rejected.

US borrowing authority to be exhausted by Oct. 17

WASHINGTON (AP)—Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said Wednesday the government will have exhausted its borrowing authority by Oct. 17, leaving the United States just \$30 billion cash on hand to pay its bills.

That's a slightly worse financial position than Treasury predicted last month and adds to the pressure on Congress to increase the government's borrowing cap soon to avert a first-ever U.S. default on its obligations.

In a letter to top congressional leaders, Lew warned that a repeat of the debt brinksmanship of 2011 could inflict great harm on the economy and that "if the government should ultimately become unable to pay all of its bills, the results could be catastrophic."

The government reached its \$16.7 trillion debt limit in May. Since then, it has been using "extraordinary measures" such as suspending U.S. investments in federal employee trust funds to create about \$300 billion in additional borrowing room.

But on the 17th the government will be left with only its cash cushion and daily receipts to pay its bills. Lew warned that

before long it would not be able to meet all of its obligations. Economists and financial market experts warn that the stock market could plummet and that investors would demand higher returns on Treasury notes, which could raise interest rates and harm the economy.

Separately, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that the potential default date would come between Oct. 22 and the end of the month. On Nov. 1 the government faces \$67 billion worth of payments, including Social Security benefits, pay for active-duty military, and pension payments to federal retirees.

It's generally assumed that Treasury would make sure that the government wouldn't default on Treasury notes held by investors, including foreign countries like China. If it did default on such debt obligations it could be a catastrophe for the economy.

A House-passed stopgap spending measure pending before the Senate contains a GOP-backed provision that would give Social Security recipients and bondholders priority in receiving payments from the government.



**Northern Marianas
Humanities Council**
Navigating the Human Experience

REQUEST FOR SERVICES

Assistant Coordinator, Motherhead Literacy Program Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is seeking an independent contractor to serve as assistant coordinator for the Motherhead Literacy Program.

Main responsibilities include organizing, implementing and evaluating Motherhead and Teacheread program cycles under the supervision of the Motherhead Coordinator.

To be considered, the applicant should be a certified Motherhead Parent-Trainer, have reliable transportation, and be available to work a flexible schedule of roughly 40 hours per week, including some evenings and weekends. A bachelor's degree in education or related field is desirable.

The monthly fee range for these services is \$1,500 to \$1,800 depending on qualifications and experience.

Applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume to the Northern Marianas Humanities Council no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, 9 October 2013.

A detailed listing of responsibilities for this position is available at the Council office in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai, or on its website www.nmihumanities.org.

Please contact Council staff at 235-4785 for more information about this opportunity.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Request for Qualifications Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Assessment of the Tinian Harbor RFQ13-GOV-179

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office ("Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Design Services for Assessment of the Tinian Harbor, located at San Jose Village on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Prior to an award of a design contract, the firm or company must have obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The project package and scope of work will be available Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled on Monday, October 7, 2013, 9:00 a.m. at the Governor's Office conference room, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions regarding this Request for Qualifications must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office or via email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com or via facsimile to (670) 664-2408 no later than September 27, 2013, 4:30 p.m., local time.

Proposals shall not exceed 25 pages. Note, a firm or company that submits as a prime consultant cannot also submit as a sub consultant on another proposal. However, sub consultants may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Qualification and experience on similar projects | 25% |
| 2. Project Approach | 5% |
| 3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required period | 25% |
| 4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects | 25% |
| 5. Fee Proposal | 0% |

Performance time for completion of the A&E Design Services for Assessment of the Tinian is 150 calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed and shall be the greater of (i) Two Hundred Dollars (US\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages for each and every day beyond the established completion date.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFQ13-GOV-179 A&E Design Services for Assessment of the Tinian Harbor. For proposals within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, October 18, 2013. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, October 18, 2013 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of the foreign country no later than October 18, 2013 and must be received no later than October 29, 2013. Failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest-ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301. All responses to this RFQ shall take into account all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement & Supply

Nation

Obamacare trade-off: low premium, high deductible

WASHINGTON (AP)—You might be pleased with the low monthly premium for one of the new health insurance plans under President Barack Obama’s overhaul, but the added expense of copayments and deductibles could burn a hole in your wallet.

An independent analysis released Wednesday, on the heels of an administration report emphasizing affordable premiums, is helping to fill out the bottom line for consumers.

The annual deductible for a mid-range “silver” plan averaged \$2,550 in a sample of six states studied by Avalere Health, or more than twice the typical deductible in employer plans. A deductible is the amount consumers must pay each year before their plan starts picking up the bills.

Americans looking for a health plan in new state insurance markets that open next week will face a trade-off familiar to purchasers of automobile coverage: to keep your premiums manageable, you agree to pay a bigger chunk of the repair bill if you get in a crash. Except that unlike an auto accident, serious illness is often not a self-contained event.

Avalere also found that the new plans will require patients to pay a hefty share of the cost—40 percent on average—for certain pricey drugs, like the newer specialty medications used to treat intractable chronic diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis. On the other hand, preventive care will be free of charge to the patient.

“Consumers will need to balance lower monthly premiums against the potential for unpredictable, expensive out-of-pocket costs in plans with higher deductibles,” said Caroline Pearson, a vice president of the private market analysis firm. “There is a risk that patients could forgo needed care when faced with high up-front deductibles.”

Responding to the Avalere study, the Obama administration acknowledged the new plans aren’t as generous as employer coverage, but said they nonetheless represent a big improvement over currently available individual policies, which can have gaps in coverage and even larger out-of-pocket costs.

Anti-shutdown bill advances; big fight still looms

WASHINGTON (AP)—Unanimous but far from united, the Senate advanced legislation to prevent a partial government shutdown on Wednesday, the 100-0 vote certain to mark merely a brief pause in a fierce partisan struggle over the future of President Barack Obama’s signature health care law.

The vote came shortly after Texas Sen. Ted Cruz held the Senate in session overnight—and the Twitterverse in his thrall—with a near-22-hour speech that charmed the tea party wing of the GOP, irritated the leadership and was meant to propel fellow Republican lawmakers into an all-out struggle to extinguish the law.

Defying one’s own party leaders is survivable, he declared in pre-dawn remarks on the Senate floor. “Ultimately, it is liberating.”

Legislation passed by the Republican-controlled House last week would cancel all funds for the three-year-old law, preventing its full implementation. But Senate Democrats have enough votes to restore the funds, and Majority Leader Harry Reid labeled Cruz’s turn in the spotlight “a big waste of time.”

Any differences between the two houses’ legislation must be reconciled and the bill signed into law by next Tuesday to avert a partial shutdown.

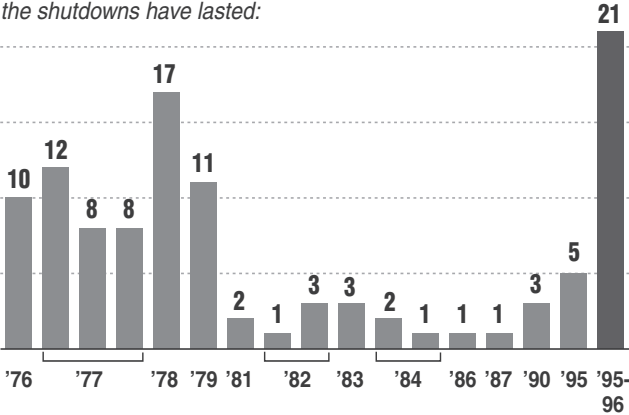
The issue is coming to the forefront in Congress as the Obama administration works to assure a smooth launch for the health care overhaul’s final major piece, a season of enrollment beginning Oct. 1 for millions who will seek coverage on so-called insurance exchanges.

Health and Human Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told reporters this week that consumers will have an average of 53 plans to choose from, and her department estimated the average individual premium for a benchmark policy known as the “second-lowest cost silver plan” would range from a low of \$192 in Minnesota to a high of \$516 in Wyoming. Tax credits will bring down the cost for many.

Republicans counter that the legislation is causing employers to defer hiring new workers, lay off existing ones and reduce the hours of still others to hold down costs as they try to ease the impact of the bill’s taxes and other requirements.

How many shutdowns?

There have been 17 government shutdowns, or “spending gaps” since 1976 because Congress has failed to pass appropriations bills to fund the government or to agree on a temporary funding fix called a continuing resolution. How many days the shutdowns have lasted:



How funding the government is supposed to work

- House and Senate each pass 12 appropriations bills to fund parts of the federal government (such as defense or agriculture)
- Differences between House and Senate versions are reconciled
- The new identical bills are passed by each chamber, then sent to the president to sign

Source: Congressional Research Service
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB13-GOV-180

Expansion of a Parking Lot – Office of the Governor
Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Parking Lot Expansion – Office of the Governor, Capitol Hill Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Governor’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator’s Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Friday, September 27, 2013, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, Capitol Hill, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST October 03, 2013 to Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked “ITB13-GOV-180, Expansion of a Parking Lot”. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 14, 2013 and must be received no later than October 30, 2013 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST October 31, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier’s check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Government Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days after the established Notice to Proceed date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB13-GOV-184

Renovation and Upgrade of the Main Entrance – Office of the Governor
Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation and Upgrade of the Main Entrance – Office of the Governor, Capitol Hill Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at the Governor’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator’s Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Sealed bids must be marked “ITB13-GOV-184, Renovation and Upgrade of the Main Entrance – Office of the Governor”. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 21, 2013 and must be received no later than October 30, 2013 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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- 1) Cash
- 2) US Government Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is thirty (30) calendar days after the established Notice to Proceed date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

ELOY S. INOS, Governor
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Procurement and Supply, DOF

Asia

Death toll in Pakistani quake rises to 348

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—A Pakistani government spokesman says that the death toll from the country’s horrific earthquake has risen to 348.

The spokesman for the Baluchistan provincial government, Jan Mohammad Bulaidi, said Thursday that another 552 people have been injured.

The massive 7.7 magnitude quake hit southwestern Pakistan on Tuesday.

Rescuers have struggled to reach hard-hit areas in what is the country’s largest and most impoverished region.

Survivors built makeshift shelters with sticks and bed-sheets Wednesday, a day after their mud houses were flattened in an earthquake that killed 285 people in southwestern Pakistan and pushed a new island up out of the Arabian Sea.

While waiting for help to reach remote villages, hungry people dug through the rubble to find food. And the country’s poorest province struggled with a dearth of medical supplies, hospitals and other aid.

The quake flattened wide

swathes of Awaran district, where it was centered, leaving much of the population homeless.

Almost all of the 300 mud-brick homes in the village of Dalbadi were destroyed. Noor Ahmad said he was

working when the quake struck and rushed home to find his house leveled and his wife and son dead.

“I’m broken,” he said. “I have lost my family.”

Doctors in the village treated some of the injured, but due

to a scarcity of medicine and staff, they were mostly seen comforting residents.

The remoteness of the area and the lack of infrastructure hampered relief efforts. Awaran district is one of the poorest in the country’s most

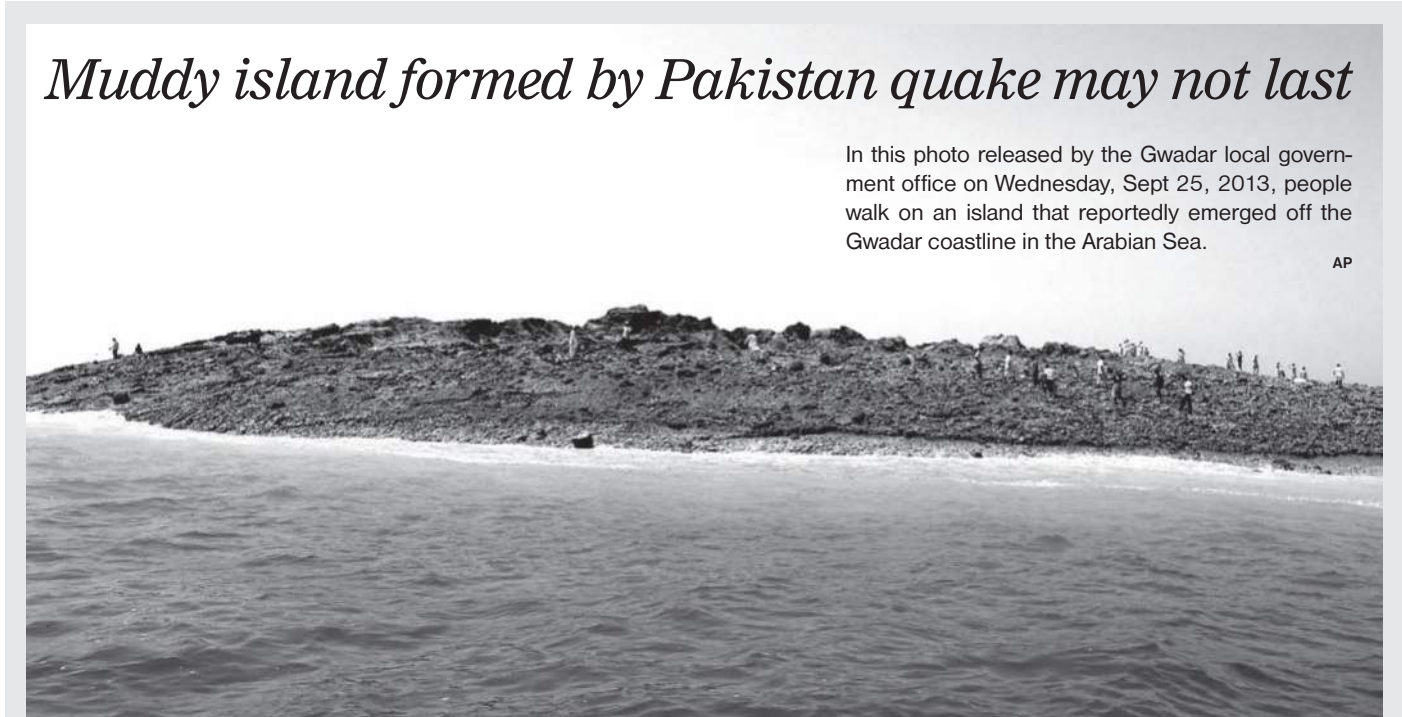
impoverished province.

Just getting to victims was challenging in a region with almost no roads where many people use four-wheel-drive vehicles and camels to traverse the rough terrain.

“We need more tents, more medicine and more food,” said a spokesman for the provincial government, Jan Mohammad Bulaidi.

Pakistan earthquakes

- **April 2013** 7.8-magnitude quake in neighboring Iran causes 35 deaths and widespread damage in Balochistan
- **Jan. 2011** 7.2-magnitude quake in southwest; deep underground so damage was minimal
- **Oct. 2008** 6.4-magnitude quake in Balochistan kills 300
- **Oct. 2005** Some 73,000 people killed in 7.6-magnitude quake in northern Pakistan and disputed Kashmir region



Muddy island formed by Pakistan quake may not last

In this photo released by the Gwadar local government office on Wednesday, Sept 25, 2013, people walk on an island that reportedly emerged off the Gwadar coastline in the Arabian Sea.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The PIC Point Break will be closed to the general public on Saturday, September 28, 2013. The attraction will be closed due to the PIC Point Break Tournament on that day. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PIC Management

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Alongside the carnage of Pakistan’s massive earthquake came a new creation: a small island of mud, stone and bubbling gas pushed forth from the seabed.

Experts say the island was formed by the massive movement of the earth during the 7.7-magnitude quake that hit Pakistan’s Baluchistan province on Tuesday, killing at least 285 people.

“That big shock beneath

the earth causes a lot of disturbance,” said Zahid Rafi, director of the National Seismic Monitoring Center.

The island appeared off the coast of Gwadar, a port about 330 miles (533 kilometers) from Pakistan’s largest city of Karachi and 75 miles (120 kilometers) from Iran.

Navy geologist Mohamed Danish told Pakistan’s Geo Television that a Pakistani Navy team visited the island Wednesday. He said the mass

was about 60 feet (18 meters) high, 100 feet (30 meters) wide and 250 feet (76 meters) long, making it a little wider than a tennis court and slightly shorter than a football field.

Such islands are not entirely unusual to scientists who study the earth and its sometimes violent movements.

Marco Bohnhoff, a professor of seismology at the German Center for Geosciences in Potsdam said there are two ways such islands

can be created.

In the first scenario, the earth’s crust violently lifts up out of the water. In the second, the earthquake triggers the movement and release of gases locked in the earth resulting in a flow called a “mud volcano.”

Experts are still trying to determine what caused this island, but it could have been a mud volcano, Rafi said. Scientists will have to analyze the material to see what it’s made of.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. LIHTC

- Blue Water Homes Update

IV. FISCAL AFFAIRS

- Financial Statements

V. MORTGAGE CREDIT DIVISION

- Loans for Review & Approval

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. OTHER MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, September 30, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Captain George F. Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

II. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM(S)

- Freedom Air

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ **JOSE R. LIFOIFOI**
Chairman, Board of Directors

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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| NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND | | CIVIL ACTION NO.: 13-0010 |
| Plaintiff, |) | |
| |) | |
| v. |) | NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE |
| |) | |
| VICENTE K. BASA aka VINCENT K. BASA, |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to the Entry of Default and Default Judgment Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 11, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interest of Defendant in and to the following real property:

Lot No. 001 G 31, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02, the original of which was recorded on March 18, 1986 as Document No. 86-0513 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

- Date, Time and Place of Sale.** The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendant or a representative), and will be held on **Wednesday, October 16, 2013**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.** at the **entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Building, Garapan, CNMI.** Registration for the auction sale will begin at 1:15 p.m.
- Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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| Armando A. Camposano Petitioner, |) | FCD – DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0437 |
| |) | |
| Vs. |) | SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION |
| |) | |
| Elizabeth Aldunar-Camposano Respondent, |) | |

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PMB 714 PPP Box 10000 Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

World

Sudan drops off Internet on 3rd day of riots

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—Sudan dropped almost completely off the Internet on Wednesday as riots over the lifting of fuel subsidies entered their third day and protesters battled security forces in the capital.

Renesys Corp., a company that maps the pathways of the Internet, said it could not confirm whether the blackout was government-orchestrated. But the cut recalls a similarly dramatic outage in Egypt, Sudan's neighbor, when authorities shut off Internet access during that country's 2011 uprising.

"It's either a government-directed thing or some very catastrophic technological failure that just happens to coincide with violent riots happening in

the city," said senior analyst Doug Madory. He said it was almost a "total blackout."

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists said it was alarmed by the reports of what seemed like an official attempt to stifle coverage, and called on the government to restore the country's connection.

A police statement said three people have died in three days of rioting over the lifting of fuel subsidies—two in the town of Wad Medani south of Khartoum, and one in the Omdurman district of the capital.

In northern Khartoum, Sudanese security forces fired tear gas to disperse dozens of protesters who demonstrated and torched a police station.

'Forever grateful': Saved mall goers thank police

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—As al-Qaida-linked terrorists threw grenades and fired automatic weapons, the three plainclothes Kenyan police officers, lightly armed and wearing no bullet-proof vests, helmets or other protective gear, worked their way to the roof of Nairobi's Westgate Mall and led a group of frightened shoppers to safety.

"I will be forever grateful for those three brave and selfless Kenyans," said Lyndsay Handler, an American who was among those rescued from the roof in the first hours of the siege that began Saturday. "Words cannot fully capture the depth of this gratitude, but anyone who has come close to



In this Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 file photo, Lyndsay Handler, center, holds her daughter Julia, 2, and husband Nick, background center, in a reunion that came after the couple had been separated for three hours inside the Westgate Mall under attack by al-Shabab terrorists in Nairobi, Kenya.

losing a child or spouse can understand."

Undercover police officers armed only with pistols and walkie-talkies like those who rescued Handler and her husband and 2-year-old daughter helped save countless lives in the initial minutes of the attack—heroics the New York native and others they brought to safety say have gotten too little attention.

Handler was in the shopping complex with her husband, Nick, and their 2-year-old, Julia.

Father and daughter were at the popular eatery, Artcaffe, when about a dozen al-Shabab militants descended on the upscale mall popular with foreigners and wealthy Kenyans and began firing indiscriminately.

Lyndsay, upstairs at a bookstore, headed to the roof, while Nick took shelter with Julia in a ground-floor storeroom of the mall's flagship department store, Nakumatt.

Father and daughter huddled fearfully for three hours until plainclothes police came

to their rescue.

"It's hard to describe the relief I felt when I saw the doors to the storeroom open, and several incredibly brave plainclothes police, weapons drawn, motioned for us to leave as quickly as possible," said Nick Handler, of the Philadelphia suburb of Merion, Pa.

"Perhaps it was not rational, but I instantly trusted these guys with our lives. I felt a surge of hope that we were going to be fine."

The 31-year-old Handler, who works on agricultural issues in western Kenya, said the officers rushed into the attack zone "knowing that they were up against heavily armed gunmen and were putting their own lives on the line."

Video from inside the mall shows how security personnel worked to save lives. In one, a man thought to be a plainclothes police officer was seen scooting on his belly across the shopping center's ground floor to coax a mother and her two children lying next to a cafe counter to stand up and rush out.

The regular mall security guards were unarmed and powerless to stop attackers armed with semi-automatic weapons.

WORLD BRIEFS

Shabab: Foreigners in Kenya 'legitimate target'

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Al-Shabab, the armed Somali Islamic extremist group that attacked a shopping mall in Kenya, said Wednesday that foreigners were a "legitimate target" and confirmed witness accounts that gunmen tried to let Muslims go free while killing or taking the others captive. In an email exchange Wednesday with The Associated Press, al-Shabab said "The Mujahideen carried out a meticulous vetting process at the mall and have taken every possible precaution to separate the Muslims from the Kuffar (disbelievers) before carrying out their attack."

Russia expects Syria resolution in next 2 days

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. Security Council, long paralyzed by deep divisions over how to deal with the Syrian conflict, is about two days away from agreeing on a resolution to require Damascus to dismantle its chemical weapons stockpiles, Russia's deputy foreign minister said Wednesday. Gennady Gatilov told The Associated Press that the text of the

resolution will include a reference to Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter, which allows for military and nonmilitary actions to promote peace and security. But he stressed that there will not be an automatic trigger for such measures, which means the council will have to follow up with another resolution if Syria fails to comply.

World powers set to test Iran on nuclear dispute

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Foreign ministers from the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany will meet with Iran's top diplomat on Thursday to test the Islamic Republic's apparent willingness to reach a deal to resolve international concerns about its nuclear program after years of defiance. The meeting on the sidelines of the annual United Nations General Assembly is aimed at paving the way for the first round of substantive negotiations on the nuclear issue since April, probably next month. It will also mark the highest-level, direct contact between the United States and Iran in six years as Secretary of State John Kerry comes face-to-face with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif.

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is a private, non-profit organization. Its purpose is to further the interests of business, as well as to promote quality of life and economic progress, in Saipan.

The *Executive Director* reports directly to the Chamber Board of Directors and manages and administers the Chamber Office.

Responsibilities:

- Manage the Chamber office and serve as custodian of Chamber funds
- Organize and attend Board of Directors meetings and Committee meetings and activities
- Plan and coordinate Chamber activities throughout the year
- Coordinate internal and external communications
- Prepare monthly newsletter
- Maintain Chamber websites
- Research pending legislative bills and prepare comments
- Respond to inquiries from members, non-members, residents, tourists, prospective businesses and others
- Promote Chamber membership within the business community

The applicant must have the following minimum qualifications:

- Resident of the CNMI/USA
- BA in Business Administration or equivalent
- Strong work ethic and customer service orientation
- Self-motivating
- Ability to work with a team
- Excellent organization and office skills
- Experience with computer systems/software (spreadsheets, word processing, desktop publishing)

Chamber office hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday; however, this is a salaried position and hours will vary.

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Qualified individuals should submit a resume and application to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office, 1st floor, Family Building in Garapan or contact 233-7150 for more information. Deadline for submission is October 02, 2013.

In Humble Gratitude

*During these moments
of great loss and deep pain,
we thank God for the
relatives and friends like
you, who have stood by
and supported us.*

*Your sincere efforts have
helped us through a very
difficult time.*



We, the family of the late

†Jesse James Demapan Arriola

wish to extend

Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase
for all the kindness, prayers and grace that you have shared.

You will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy Iglecias Arriola, Children and Family

In Humble Gratitude

We, the children & families of the late

†Baldobino Borja Flores

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Wish to extend our deepest and warmest appreciation to all our relatives and friends, near and far, for the genuine compassion you showed us during our greatest and most painful time of sorrow. Your thoughtful prayers, comfort, and unending support and other considerate acts of grace did much to calm the ache in our hearts and may time lessen our pain as memories gently turn tears to smiles. We acknowledge and cherish the time you devoted unto us, your kindness has touched us all and we will forever remember you. May God Bless Us All.



Si Yu'us Ma'ase - Thank you

The Family

Off the Wall

College student helps pay tuition by eating

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—A University of Wisconsin student with a nickname of "Silo" is eating his way through school—competitively.

Computer engineering student Eric Dahl now ranks third in the world of competitive eating as determined by All Pro Eating rankings, though he once held the top spot. Dahl has earned more than \$18,000 in prize money or merchandise to help pay for his education.

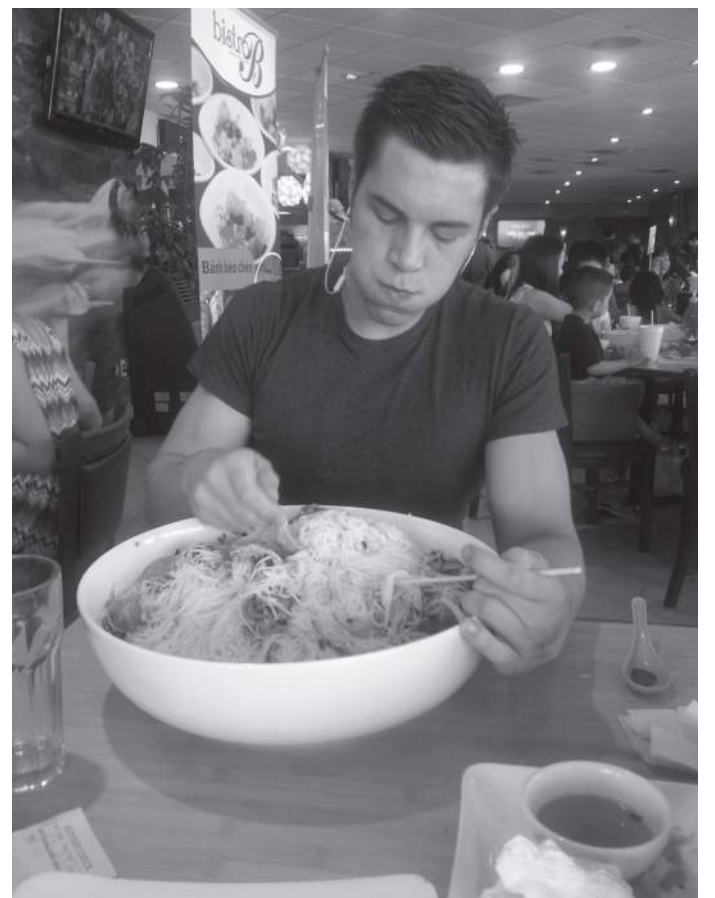
"I'm eating for my education," he said. "It helps me get through."

Dahl was drawn to competitive eating in 2011, at the former Big Red's Steakhouse in Madison. Dahl didn't want to pay for his meal so he signed up for a challenge: eat a three-pound cheesesteak sandwich in less than 10 minutes and skip the bill. He finished in 5 minutes, 50 seconds.

"It just started rolling from there," he said.

Dahl's first paycheck came from Dickey's Barbecue Pit in suburban Minneapolis, where he earned \$250 for inhaling nine pulled-pork sandwiches in six minutes. The former high school athlete found the competition and its over-the-top atmosphere reminiscent of professional wrestling.

"I really get pumped when the crowd starts cheering," he said. "I'm friends with other competitive eaters, but once I'm on



In this undated photo provided by Eric Dahl, Dahl, a University of Wisconsin computer engineering student with a nickname of "Silo," fills up on a 13-pound bowl of Vietnamese noodles known as pho.

stage I don't have any friends."

The 6-foot-3 Dahl said he walks a few miles a day, lifts weights twice a week and plays intramural soccer and hockey to maintain his 220-pound weight. The State Journal reports that he eats no more than 3,100 calories a day, mostly vegetables to avoid increasing his waistline,

and stretches his stomach by eating 10 pounds of cabbage or broccoli in a single sitting followed by a lot of water.

His next bout is scheduled for Saturday. "Silo" will try to win \$1,000 at a national pizza-eating contest on Library Mall at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Welsh village's proposed name change raises stink

LONDON (AP)—A proposed name change is raising a stink in one British village. Welsh-language campaigners say Varteg, in south Wales, should be rebranded with a more authentic Welsh spelling—Y Farteg. The Welsh language has no letter v, though the sound is made by the letter f. Varteg is an anglicization of the original Welsh name. Some residents fear the change will make their town the target of ridicule. Villager Sioned Jones told Wales Online, "Just imagine how embarrassing it will be to have the word 'fart' in your village's name, never mind being followed by egg." Another resident, Ray Leyshon, called the proposal "a bad joke." The local government said Tuesday that the Welsh Language Commissioner had proposed the name change but that residents would be consulted first.

Austria: Catholic church fined for phone texting

VIENNA (AP)—Austria's Roman Catholic church has learned its lesson. Mass is OK. Mass texting is not. A diocese in the southern city of Graz says it has been found guilty of contravening Austria's telecommunications law by sending mass texts to the cellphones of followers asking them to pay overdue membership fees. Members of recognized religions in Austria must pay so-called "church taxes" or opt out of membership. For a Catholic, non-payment would mean no right to church sacraments. Diocese official Hertha Ferk was quoted by the Der Standard newspaper on Tuesday as saying the diocese has agreed to pay a fine that is under 10,000 euros (\$13,475). A court took up the case after complaints from some of the

17,000 church members in arrears who received the text last year.

Bear obeys bartender's command, leaves Juneau bar

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—If only all unwelcome bar guests were this obliging. A black bear walked into the bar at the Alaskan Hotel in downtown Juneau on Monday night. Bartender Ariel Svetlik-McCarthy says she freaked out and yelled, "No bear! Get out! No! You can't be in here!" The bear complied, leaving the bar within seconds. State biologist Ryan Scott says it's rare for black bears to go inside Juneau businesses, but they have wandered inside homes before. He tells KTOO the staff did a great job, and it was good news the bear left. State wildlife officials have killed two nuisance bears in Juneau this summer.

NY city's dead skunk depot stinks up neighborhood

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Residents of a Buffalo, N.Y., neighborhood plagued by skunk odors now know what caused the stink: Trapped critters that were shot and stored at a shuttered police station. The Buffalo News reports that the city's public works commissioner confirmed Monday that humanely trapped skunks have been taken to an old police station in South Buffalo, where they're shot and stored in outdoor freezer until they can be incinerated. Residents say they complained about the smell months ago but were told by city officials that skunks weren't being killed inside the building. Later, they were told only a few skunks were killed there by lethal injection. One neighborhood leader has dubbed the community scandal "Skunkgate."

Science & Technology

Be ready for any emergency

By REID KANALEY
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Attacks such as the one at the Navy Yard in Washington and a mall in Nairobi, Kenya, or a natural disaster like the Colorado flooding, sent me looking for smartphone applications that could help out in a public emergency.

One place to start when you get wind of an unfolding disaster is **Police Scanner** by Critical Hit Software LLC, which comes in free versions for Android and Apple devices. A \$1.99 upgrade eliminates advertising and allows the app to run in the background. In all, it scans about 3,600 U.S. emergency departments in addition to scores more in Canada and other countries.

CodeRED MobileAlert, also free for Android and iOS from Emergency Communications Network Inc., taps into the CodeRED Emergency Notification System to signal users of nearby crises, such as missing-child notices. You can choose among various alarm sounds—a bell, a

horn, a rousing “Woo-Woo”—when an alert comes through.

Settings let you choose what sort of issues you want to be alerted to, including severe weather, heat, cold and marine warnings issued by the National Weather Service.

But you’ll get the weather warnings free only for an initial 30 days. Though this may be the app’s best feature, it will cost you—\$4.99 per year—after the trial period.

If you are the one in trouble, **Emergency Alert**, 99 cents by Lighthouse Mobile Solutions for Apple devices, tells friends by email or text and authorities at 911. Just hit the big red button on the screen to send out your status and location. The app also stores personal information about your insurance, emergency contacts and medical issues.

Disaster Check In, for Android and Apple, by Disaster Check In Inc. is a free app that, with a minimum of taps, notifies a preset list of recipients where you are and that you are safe or in need of help.

Survey: 15 percent of Americans don’t go online

NEW YORK (AP)—The Internet has become so entwined in their lives that many Americans might have trouble coping without it. But a new survey found that some 15 percent of Americans - about 1 in 7 - don’t use the Internet at all. Most of them prefer it that way.

The study released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center’s Internet and American Life Project also found that another 9 percent of U.S. adults only use the Internet when they are not at home. Adults with lower levels of income and education, as well as blacks and Hispanics, are significantly more likely to

rely on Internet access outside of their home, in libraries, at work or elsewhere.

Of the people who don’t go online, only 8 percent want to. The rest said they are not interested.

Nearly everyone who goes online has broadband access, the report found. Only 3 percent of people who use the Internet do so using a dial-up connection.

Internet use has increased steadily since Pew began doing the survey. In 1995, only 14 percent of Americans said they went online. By 2000, half were online and by 2007, three-quarters.

As in previous years, age, income, education level and race have a lot to do with who is and isn’t online. Forty-four percent of people 65 or older are not online, compared with 2 percent of those aged 18 to 29. Of people who have not graduated from high school, 41 percent don’t go online, compared with 4 percent of those with a college degree.

Nearly a quarter of people with household incomes of less than \$30,000 per year are offline, compared with 4 percent of those with \$75,000 or more. Gender didn’t seem to make a difference in whether someone went online or not.

Eighty-five percent of men use the Internet, along with 84 percent of women.

Here are some of the reasons people gave for not going online:

■ 34 percent think the Internet is not relevant to them - they are not interested, don’t want to use it or don’t need it.

■ 13 percent don’t have a computer, 7 percent don’t have Internet access and 6 percent said it’s too expensive.

■ Three percent said they are worried about things such as privacy, viruses, spam or hackers.

■ Four percent think it’s a waste of time. That doesn’t stop the rest of us, though.

Finding a PC that can sing and dance

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)



QUESTION: I want to buy a laptop for playing dance and listening

music and for karaoke singing. What should I look for to make sure the laptop has quality sound, ample storage and the ability to connect to a TV? I already have a sound system.—**Bill Lawrence, Minneapolis**

ANSWER: Any laptop will have a fast enough processor for playing or mixing music. If you plan to extensively edit music tracks, you’ll find a list of computers designed for music production at <http://tinyurl.com/kow79n5>. If you also want to play or edit music videos, you’ll get better results if the computer has a dedicated video memory card.

If you intend to store a lot of music or video on the laptop, get one with a 500-gigabyte internal hard drive, which is typical on new laptops. And make sure the computer has a high-definition multimedia interface, or HDMI, port for transferring video to a TV screen via an HDMI cable. Most new PCs have at least one HDMI port.

Beyond the computer itself, you’ll want some software to help you play or mix music. DJ software, which can do things such as synchronize the tempo of two songs to create a smooth transition between them, is reviewed at <http://tinyurl.com/7h6bfc6>. Several types of karaoke software are described at <http://>

tinyurl.com/m9y8e6s.

Q: I would like to find some “find me if lost” software for my laptop PC. I hope to find a program I would install on my laptop and activate from another computer or a smartphone if the laptop is stolen. Where can I find such software?—Cathy Gunderson, Minneapolis

A: Tracking software for laptops can, within limits, tell you where a stolen laptop is when it’s connected to the Internet. The tracking software reports the Internet protocol, or IP, address a stolen PC is using, and also might report details of any Wi-Fi hot spot to which the PC is connected. Some tracking software allows you to send signals to the missing laptop that will enable you to copy important files from it and perhaps even take control of the laptop and wipe out its data.

Obviously, tracking software isn’t a perfect way to recover a stolen PC. You’ll need law-enforcement help to find out who was using that IP address at the time, and where that person lives. For a review of several types of laptop-tracking software, see <http://tinyurl.com/ceec9hj>.

Q: How can I eliminate a person’s old email address in Gmail and replace it with a new one?—Sheryl Hartley, Aventura, Fla.

A: Click the down arrow next to “Gmail” beneath the Google logo, and from the drop-down list click “Contacts.” Click on a name in the list and change the email address. To return to email, click the arrow beside “Contacts” and choose “Gmail.”

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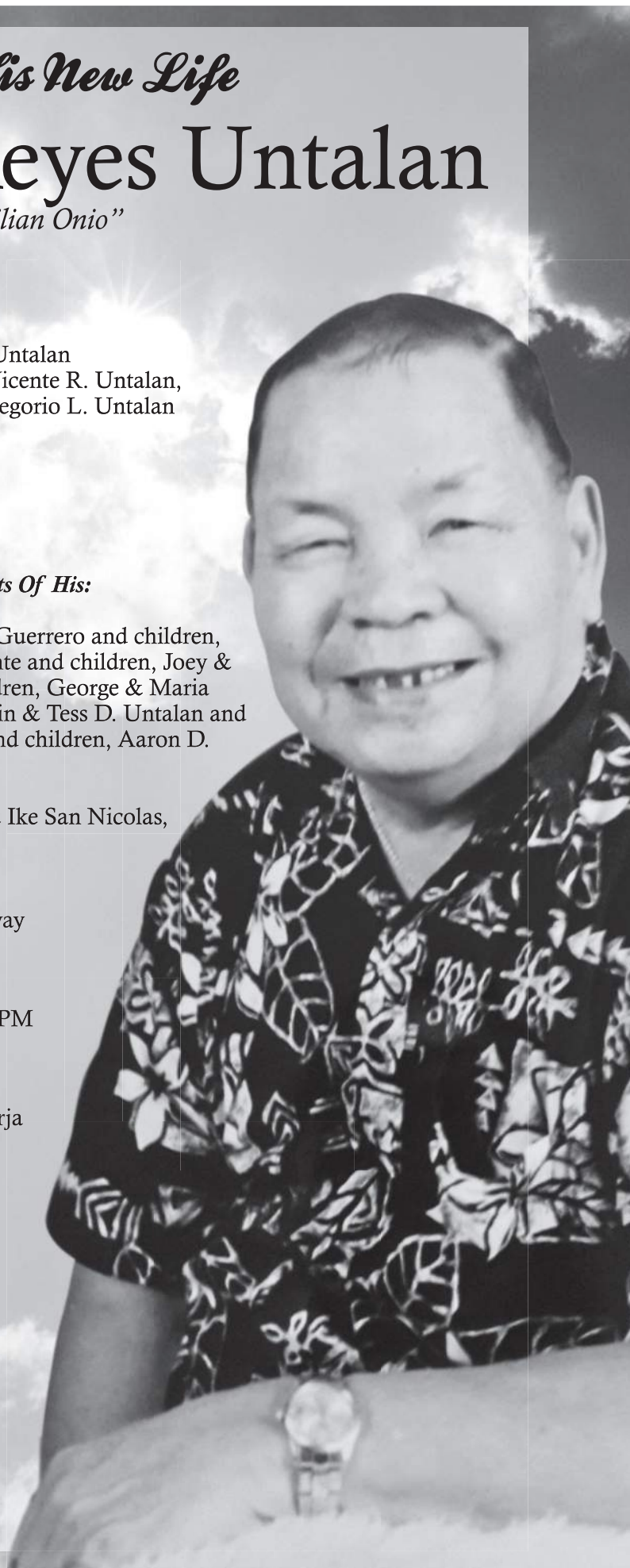
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Life & Style

Lorne Michaels, Tina Fey reunite for 'SNL' opener

NEW YORK (AP)—When “Saturday Night Live” returns this weekend for its 39th year, executive producer Lorne Michaels won’t be fretting.

“We’re gonna do a good show,” he declared. “Every time Tina has come back, the show’s been great.”

He’s talking about former “SNL” regular and frequent guest Tina Fey, of course, back again to host this season premiere (Saturday at 11:30 p.m. EDT on NBC, with musical guest Arcade Fire).

Joining Michaels for a phone interview on Tuesday, Fey laughingly labeled “a coincidence” her presence on any good shows she’s guest hosted. But she offered a couple of ways she might be serving “SNL” well this week.

“One, I have nothing to promote,” she promised, “so

we’ve got plenty of time for other things.

“Two, I’m always happy to play straight person, so, hopefully, the cast will get to do more than when they have other kinds of hosts. You might get to see those new guys more. Although I’m not promising their parents anything.”

The “new guys” are the half-dozen rookie cast members—Beck Bennett, John Milhiser, Kyle Mooney, Mike O’Brien, Noel Wells and Brooks Wheelan.

Michaels agreed that neither their parents nor any other viewer should count on them making a splash on opening night.

Their only sure sighting? As members of the troupe when

it convenes at the end to say goodnight.

“The intent is always to go slowly and not put anyone out there unless you feel they can score,” Michaels said.

“I think if they have one line as a waiter in a sketch, they’ll be thrilled,” Fey said.



Fey

last season by exiting “SNL” stars Fred Armisen, Bill Hader and Jason Sudeikis.

Is Michaels feeling the absence of that mighty trio?

“I saw them all within the last week,” he said dryly, “so I don’t really feel their absence.”

But what about viewers?

“I can’t concern myself with how viewers feel,” he cracked, which made Fey chuckle.

“It’s always been that way,” Michaels went on, turning serious. He pointed to “SNL” alums Will Ferrell, Amy Poehler and Fey, who all got big laughs as part of Sunday’s Emmycast.

“You feel really proud that they’re as good as they are, and that you were part of that,” he said. “But ‘Saturday Night Live’ has always been about reinvention, and we’re doing it again. That’s what keeps the show alive.”

On Monday, he and Fey flew back from Los Angeles, where “Saturday Night Live” landed its 40th Emmy (the most for any series in history) and Fey shared the comedy-series writing Emmy with Tracey Wigfield for “30 Rock.” On arriving in New York, they went straight to the week’s first “SNL” meeting at 10 p.m.

This season promises to be even busier than usual for Michaels, the famous multi-tasker, whose duties now include “The Tonight Show” with Jimmy Fallon hosting from New York starting early next year.

With this promotion, Fallon will leave “Late Night,” also part of Michaels’ empire. Seth Meyers takes over that hosting assignment.

But for now Meyers will remain at the “Weekend Update” anchor desk, joined by sophomore “SNL” player Cecily Strong.

“Count on Seth through February,” Michaels said, “and I think he knows he can stay after that. It will be up to him to assess if he can handle the workload.”

Can Michaels handle his mammoth workload? Why not re-hire Fey, whose “30 Rock” has ended its seven-season run, to oversee “SNL” every week and ease his pace?

“If there’s any way you could convince her, that would be great,” he laughed.

“I think they know what they’re doing,” she said.

Instead, Fey is now huddled with her partner Robert Garlock developing pilots for shows she wouldn’t appear in. (She said she would “love” to star in a new series sometime, “but it just seemed like good manners to sit out a season or two.”)

Meanwhile, Michaels is kicking off a new season of the show he says consumes some 80 percent of his time, and insists he has no plans to step away.

Understood. But at age 68, and after decades running the comedy juggernaut he launched in 1975, doesn’t he get a little tired of the grind?

“VERY tired of it!” he hastily replied. “But then that music starts at 11:30, and you remember it’s a very exciting place to be!”

George H.W. Bush witness at Maine same-sex wedding

KENNEBUNK, Maine (AP)—Former President George H.W. Bush was an official witness at the same-sex wedding of two longtime friends, his spokesman said Wednesday.

Bush and his wife, Barbara Bush, attended the ceremony joining Bonnie Clement and Helen Thorgalsen as private citizens and friends on Saturday, spokesman Jim McGrath said.

Thorgalsen posted a photo on her Facebook page showing Bush signing the marriage license as a witness. She captioned the photo: “Getting our marriage license witnessed!”

In the photo, Bush is seated in a wheelchair, a stack of papers on his lap and his left hand poised with a pen. One bright red sock and one bright blue one peek out below the cuffs of his blue slacks.

The 41st president has deep ties to the area and owns a compound in Kennebunkport, a small coastal town. Thorgalsen and Clement own a general store in neighboring Kennebunk. They were honeymooning overseas and didn’t immediately respond to an email seeking comment Wednesday.

Gay marriage became legal in Maine in December.

One of Bush’s sons, former President George W. Bush, opposed same-sex marriage and in 2004 announced his support for a proposed constitutional amendment to outlaw it. But his wife, Laura Bush, and their daughter Barbara Bush support gay marriage, as does his former vice president, Dick Cheney, whose daughter Mary Cheney is openly gay.

A spokesman for George W. Bush on Wednesday declined to comment on his current feelings about same-sex marriage or his thoughts about his father’s role in a same-sex wedding.

In July, George W. Bush made headlines when he said he wouldn’t comment on the issue, saying he “shouldn’t be taking a speck out of someone else’s eye when I have a log in my own.” He later explained that he just wasn’t going to answer the question because he was out of politics.

His brother Jeb Bush, a former governor of Florida and a potential presidential candidate, has said same-sex marriage is an issue best left to the states to decide. In a speech in June, he told the Faith & Freedom Coalition the nation needs to be supportive of non-traditional families.

Multitalented Gordon-Levitt kicks it up a notch

NEW YORK (AP)—When Joseph Gordon-Levitt was 12 years old and shooting “Angels in the Outfield,” one of his co-stars, Tony Danza, asked him if he’d like to hang out during some down time.

“No,” replied the boy, who had more serious plans. “I have to go follow the director around.”

Danza breaks into laughter telling the story, because it’s that same ambitious youngster, now 32, who’s given him his latest movie job. Danza plays the father in “Don Jon,” Gordon-Levitt’s directorial debut. Which he also wrote. And stars in.

“What can I say? He’s a guy with a strong vision, and real self-assuredness,” Danza says. “I’m really proud of the kid.”

You can forgive Danza for calling his director a “kid.” Because, despite his long resume, which includes working with some of Hollywood’s top filmmakers in movies like “Inception” and “The Dark Knight Rises” (Christopher Nolan) and “Lincoln” (Steven Spielberg), Gordon-Levitt still looks in many ways like, well, a kid. Just like the kid (er, alien posing as one) he played on “3rd Rock From the Sun,” with a boyish face that, if not grinning, always looks like it’s about to.

Which is one reason audiences may be surprised at the choice he made for his debut: a dark, edgy comedy about porn addiction—a film that had to be carefully edited to avoid an NC-17 rating. Not only is “Don Jon” not a safe, traditional romantic comedy, it’s a movie that provocatively suggests that those romantic comedies are just as addictive and destructive to real relationships as porn.

But if you think tackling such a heavy subject—and in such a high-profile way—made Gordon-Levitt even a little insecure



This film image released by Relativity Media shows Tony Danza, left, and Joseph Gordon-Levitt in a scene from “Don Jon.”

or nervous, think again. Talk about self-assured: We’re quite sure he’s one of the only movie stars to invoke the name of late philosopher Martin Buber while promoting a film.

“I can’t say I’ve read all of Buber,” Gordon-Levitt confesses in an interview. “But he talks about the ‘thou’ vs. the ‘it.’ And that’s the crux of Don Jon: He’s a guy who sees everything, even people, as an ‘it,’ not a ‘you.’ Don Jon objectifies everything in his life—his car, his apartment, women of course, his family, even his friends.”

Obviously, the intensely likable Gordon-Levitt—like Hugh Jackman, he’s virtually impossible NOT to like—wasn’t afraid to take on an unappealing character. He plays Jon Martello, a New Jersey gym rat with bulging biceps, shiny hair full of “product,” a smooth way of getting the ladies to bed, and, most of all, an addiction to Internet porn. Many scenes are devoted to Jon’s pleasuring himself in

front of a laptop.

Of course, there’s more to the story: through relationships with two key women, the film explores just what men and women should expect from each other. Scarlett Johansson plays Jon’s dream girl—a “dime,” he says in his crass 1-10 rating system. Julianne Moore is the quirky, blunt older woman he meets in night school.

The mere fact that on a low budget—one-hundredth of a “Batman” budget,” he says—Gordon-Levitt was able to secure such a high-powered cast is a tribute to his growing clout and his network of friends. He wrote the part of Barbara with Johansson in mind, and she was one of the first to read the script.

As for “Boogie Nights” star Moore, her first thought was, “Ugh, porn!”

“But then I realized it wasn’t about porn at all,” she says. “It’s a film about a personal ideology, that real life and authenticity are the most important things. I

think he had something really important to say about how people are defined by things.”

Ask Gordon-Levitt if he ever doubted that he could, or would, serve as director-writer-star of “Don Jon,” and his answer is disarmingly succinct: “Nope!”

For one thing, he explains, he’s been making short films for years, ever since he bought himself a 21st birthday present of Final Cut Pro, the video editing software. “I’ve made literally hundreds,” he says. “And a lot of them, I’m in.”

As a writer, he adds, he spent five years on the “Don Jon” script, so he felt supremely comfortable with the character. And as an actor, his ease with comedy is obvious—just check out his “Saturday Night Live” stints—a skill he attributes to years on “3rd Rock,” which he says was like working in theater. Some of the best scenes in “Don Jon,” in fact, are like little plays, centered around the family dinner table.

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Bryan Cranston to guest on 'How I Met Your Mother'



This Sept. 22, 2013 file photo shows Bryan Cranston at the 65th Primetime Emmy Awards at Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—CBS says “Breaking Bad” star Bryan Cranston is coming back to “How I Met Your Mother.”

Cranston will reprise his role as Hammond Druthers, who was Ted’s old boss until he had

a meltdown, the network said Wednesday. Ted is played by series star Josh Radnor.

It’s a real change of pace for Cranston, who plays teacher-turned-meth maker Walter White on AMC’s “Breaking

Bad.” The series, which won a best drama Emmy Award last weekend, airs its season finale on Sunday.

“How I Met Your Mother” began its final season on Monday.

De Niro takes over Gandolfini miniseries role



In this April 27, 2013 file photo, actor Robert De Niro attends “The King of Comedy” screening in New York. AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—HBO says Robert De Niro will step into a project that was thrown into question by the death of James Gandolfini.

HBO said Wednesday that De Niro is taking on the role of a New York City attorney handling a murder case in the miniseries “Criminal Justice.”

Gandolfini had played the attorney in the pilot episode. The star of “The Sopranos” died in June at age 51 after suffering a heart attack.

“Criminal Justice” was one of Gandolfini’s last projects. Another is the film “Enough Said,” which is now in theaters.

An air date for “Criminal Justice” hasn’t been announced.

Tina Brown to leave The Daily Beast

NEW YORK (AP)—Tina Brown, the editor who oversaw the ill-fated merger of Newsweek and The Daily Beast website, said Wednesday that she’s parting ways with the company.

“Exciting news ... sad 2 leave Beast but change is good,” Brown posted on Twitter.

Separately, Brown issued a news release saying she is launching Tina Brown Live Media. The company will host “flash debates” and summits, including the Women in the World conference, which she launched in 2010.

A spokeswoman for IAC/InterActiveCorp, which owns The Daily Beast, declined to comment.

Brown’s departure was earlier reported by BuzzFeed business editor Peter Lauria, a former Daily Beast correspondent.

The website said Brown’s contract expires in January and was not going to be renewed.

Brown, the former editor of Vanity Fair and The New Yorker, presided over the end of the print run for Newsweek, which IAC bought for \$1 in 2010 before merging it with the Daily Beast.

Brown said in her statement said she was proud of changes made to Newsweek, “in the battle we waged to save it from the overwhelming forces of media change.”

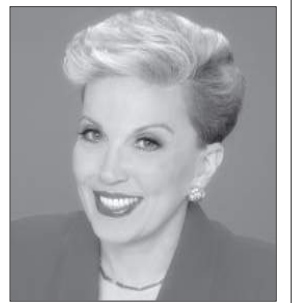
The money-losing news-weekly magazine went online-only last year and was sold IBT Media last month.



Brown

Woman questions boyfriend’s support as she changes jobs

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a 4-year-old daughter and pregnant with my second child.

My boyfriend and I live in a nice house and have a comfortable lifestyle. We each pay our own bills, and I pay half the mortgage that is in his name.

I am extremely unhappy at my job. The job itself isn’t the problem; it’s the management team and its effect on office morale. They treat us employees like dirt, thus everyone is always fighting with each other. I try to stay out of it, but I am unhappy to the core there. I want to find another job after my maternity leave, but I’m afraid my soon-to-be-fiance won’t be willing to pick up the slack financially while I’m temporarily unemployed.

Isn’t this the normal give-and-take that “married” couples go through? Shouldn’t I expect him to help me if I’m going through a rough patch? Are my expectations unreasonable?

EXPECTING AND DEPRESSED IN TEXAS

DEAR EXPECTING: I assume that you have discussed this with your boyfriend and he wasn’t receptive. Your expectations wouldn’t be unreasonable if you WERE married or at least engaged. But you’re not. While you and I think he should help you financially over this rough patch, he may feel no obligation to do so. If that’s the case, your not-quite-fiance appears to be treating you like a roommate-with-benefits. Because you are not on the title of the house you pay half the mortgage on, there is no guarantee you will ever have anything to show for your contribution.

In light of that, of course he should be supportive emotionally and financially if you leave your job. Expecting him to step up to the plate is not unreasonable. But whether he agrees with you and me is another matter. Please find out before you invest any more money or he impregnates you again.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are well into a relaxed retirement. His successful, middle-aged son “Rory” has developed the habit of stopping by unannounced occasionally on his way home from work. This would be fine except that it falls in the middle of the dinner hour. Although we ask Rory to join us, he prefers to just stand over us and talk about his day while we eat. This wasn’t his childhood home, so it’s not a matter of an extended familiarity with this residence.

I have asked his father to speak to him about it, and while he agrees that his son’s actions are rude, he refused to say anything. My husband is mild-mannered and seems to be happy that Rory takes the time to see him. To me, it looks like this is the most convenient time for Rory to get the occasional parent visit out of the way while not considering our feelings.

Because I have had a good long-term relationship with my stepson, I took him aside and politely explained that these dinner interruptions are discourteous. Rory blew up at me! I was astonished to see a mature man I respected act in such a childish manner. Now I’m the culprit in a family rift, while my husband remains mute. Should I have focused on digestion and held my tongue?

DISAPPOINTED STEPMOM

DEAR STEPMOM: Because your husband refused to say anything and won’t back you up, it appears the answer is yes. While some people consider the dinner hour to be sacred, not everyone does, and your stepson’s visits were only occasional. Your request might have been better received had you told Rory that his hovering makes you nervous, and if he didn’t care to share the food you had prepared, you’d appreciate it if he would at least sit at the table with you for everyone’s comfort.

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Jay-Z teams up with Barneys for holiday gallery

NEW YORK (AP)—Jay-Z’s latest collaboration is with Barneys New York, whose flagship store is creating an “immersive gallery space” with him for the holidays.

The partnership will include limited-edition Jay-Z designs including watches and a humidifier, along with products from Balenciaga, Balmain, Lanvin, Proenza Schouler and other designers, all in a palette of black,

white, gold and silver.

A quarter of sales will go to Jay-Z’s Shawn Carter Foundation, which helps low-income students cover college costs.

In a statement, Jay-Z said the project takes inspiration from “the slickness, energy, and innovation of New York City.”

Artist Joanie Lemercier was brought in to help design the gallery space and the store’s famous Madison Avenue windows.

The store previously collaborated with Lady Gaga. The Jay-Z collection will be available beginning Nov. 20.

This product image released by Barneys shows a Hoorsenbuhs ring from a collection of items by Jay-Z. AP



SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Nelson pulls out of festival with shoulder injury

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Willie Nelson has been forced to pull out of the Southern Ground Music & Food Festival and three other shows due to a shoulder injury. Nelson’s publicist said Wednesday that the 80-year-old country music star is under a doctor’s orders to rest his shoulder for a week, meaning he’ll miss shows in Carmel, Ind., Charlotte, Mich., Springfield, Ill., and Saturday’s appearance at the festival hosted by Zac Brown in Nash-

ville, Tenn. The individual dates have or will be rescheduled. Nelson is expected to be on the road again in Louisville, Ky., on Oct. 15, the same day he releases his new duets album, “To All the Girls ...” “No further details about Nelson’s injury were available.

Marvin Gaye III pleads for kidney donation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Marvin Gaye III is suffering from kidney failure and is seeking a donated organ for transplant. The

son of late singer Marvin Gaye announced earlier this week that he’s been receiving dialysis for renal failure for three years and he’s having trouble finding a suitable kidney for transplant. He said he is sharing his condition publicly to help draw attention to the challenges blacks and Hispanics face in finding healthy organ donors. He also says he plans to donate some proceeds from his forthcoming album to a kidney research organization. Marvin Gaye’s estate is engaged in a legal battle over Robin Thicke’s summer smash, “Blurred Lines.”

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



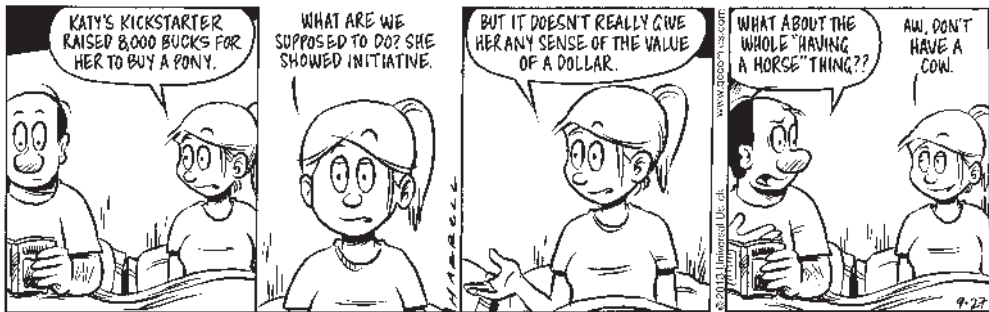
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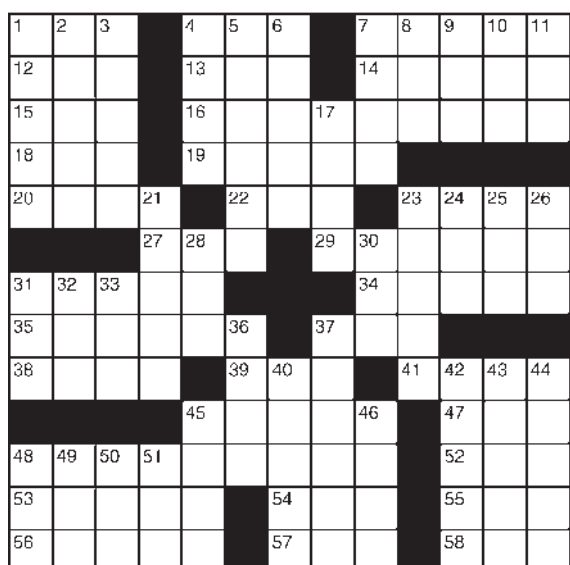
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Happy Birthday: Stand your ground. Don't allow anyone to force you in a direction that causes stress or takes away from your plans for the future. Do your best to compartmentalize your situation in order to make it easy to pursue what's best for you instead of trying to keep the peace by doing what others want you to do. Your numbers are 4, 10, 17, 21, 30, 38, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Expect to face opposition at a personal level and prepare to compromise in order to avoid an unwanted change. Overreacting, overspending and overindulging must be monitored if you want to avoid emotional setbacks. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look for pleasurable ways to pass time. Engage in events or activities that you can share with someone you enjoy being with. A closer bond can be formed that will set the stage for future engagements. Live, love and laugh. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Connect with old friends or business associates. The information you gather will help you make an important decision regarding your future. You can stabilize your income by presenting what you have to offer for a variety of unusual applications. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Pay more attention to the things that make you happy. Pampering will lift your spirits and make

you feel good about the way you look. Checking out an interest that is unusual will translate into new beginnings. Love is highlighted. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A secret is likely to be divulged. You may have to make a last-minute alteration to avoid an embarrassing situation or encounter with a colleague or old friend. Don't give in to restrictions or limitations. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make up your mind. Pick whom you want to spend time with and the type of help you wish to offer others. Set the standard and stick to your principles. Your strengths will win you a very interesting and prosperous position. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your emotions under control. Don't let anyone goad you into something you don't want to do. A simple yes or no will be sufficient. Time spent gathering information or taking care of personal needs will help you avoid meddling and interference. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expand your interests or travel to a destination that will help your imagination wander and your ideas translate into workable plans for the future. The projects you begin now will bring positive changes to the way you do things. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick close to home and set up a workable routine that will help you be more efficient and satisfied with your life. Competitive activities will entice you, but you are best to save your energy to invest in domestic affairs. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be divided on some issues that can affect your life personally and professionally. Wager the pros and cons and discuss your plans with the people in your life you are closest to. Emotions will escalate easily if you aren't accommodating. ★★

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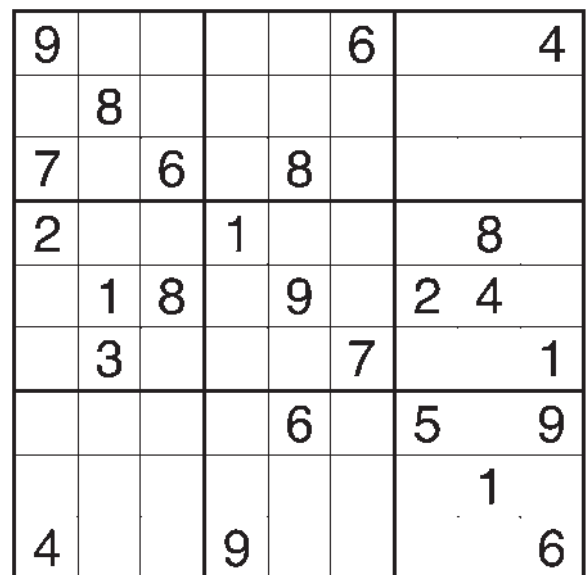
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By Dave Green

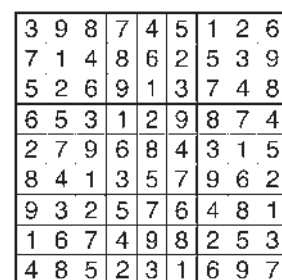


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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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Yesterday's Answer: Kirschwasser

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Brady blames himself for Patriots' red-zone woes

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Tom Brady bent forward and put his hands on his knees in frustration. Then he stood up, slapped both sides of his helmet and jogged off the field.

He had just thrown an interception in the end zone, his third straight bad pass with the ball at the 6-yard line.

No, rookie receivers aren't the only players responsible for the New England Patriots' problems in the red zone.

"Just poor execution," Brady said Wednesday. "I've been one of the main culprits."

The Patriots may be 3-0 but it's not because of what they've done inside the 20. They're third in the NFL with 13 trips there but have just four touchdowns, a 30.8 success rate that is the worst in the league.

That's hard to believe with one of the most successful quarterbacks in NFL history.

In his 14th season, Brady has to get used to rookies Kenbrell Thompson and Aaron Dobson as his primary wide receivers while Danny Amendola is sidelined. And he did throw two touchdowns to Thompson and seven completions to Dobson in last Sunday's 23-3 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

But he failed to connect with them about five minutes into the third quarter when the Patriots had a first-and-goal at the 6.

On the first play, Dobson was wide open in the middle of the end zone, but Brady threw the ball low and in front of him.

On the second play, Thompson was lined up to the left, but Brady's hard throw at the line of scrimmage was inaccurate.

Then came the costliest flub.

Brady fired the ball toward the end zone where rookie tight end Zach Sudfeld was just over

the goal line, and Dobson, the intended receiver, was behind him at the end line. Neither was open, but Brady threw anyway—right into the hands of safety Mark Barron next to Sudfeld.

Brady refused to blame his new receivers.

"I think throwing an interception right to a strong safety last week doesn't help," he said, "especially (when) two plays before I had a wide-open guy. I think plays like that are more the problem. I have to a good job finding the open guys, guys that are running free and then hit them. That will help our red zone offense more than anything."

Except, maybe, for the return of Rob Gronkowski.

The two-time Pro Bowl tight end is getting closer to playing his first game this season after offseason forearm and back surgery. As usual, he shed little light on his chances of returning for Sunday night's game at Atlanta.

"I don't know," Gronkowski said Wednesday after participating in practice on a limited basis. "As of right now, we're just focusing day by day."

That was the phrase of the day for Brady's sidelined pass catchers, well aware of coach Bill Belichick's obsession with revealing little about injuries.

"Just going day by day," Amendola said when asked if he would play against the Falcons after missing the past two games with a groin injury.

"I gave him all the tips," Gronkowski said with his usual smile, "just day by day."

Amendola was Brady's primary target in the opener with 10 catches in a 23-21 win over the Buffalo Bills. He hasn't played since, and Brady is ranked just 24th in passer rating, 26th in completion per-

centage and 33rd in average gain per attempt.

"I anticipate being 100 percent shortly. I don't know when, but I'm getting closer," he said, before adding that he didn't know if he would have to deal with any residual issues from the injury for the rest of the season.

Gronkowski's return would have a bigger impact on the red-zone offense. He leads the NFL with 29 red-zone touchdowns since arriving in 2010.

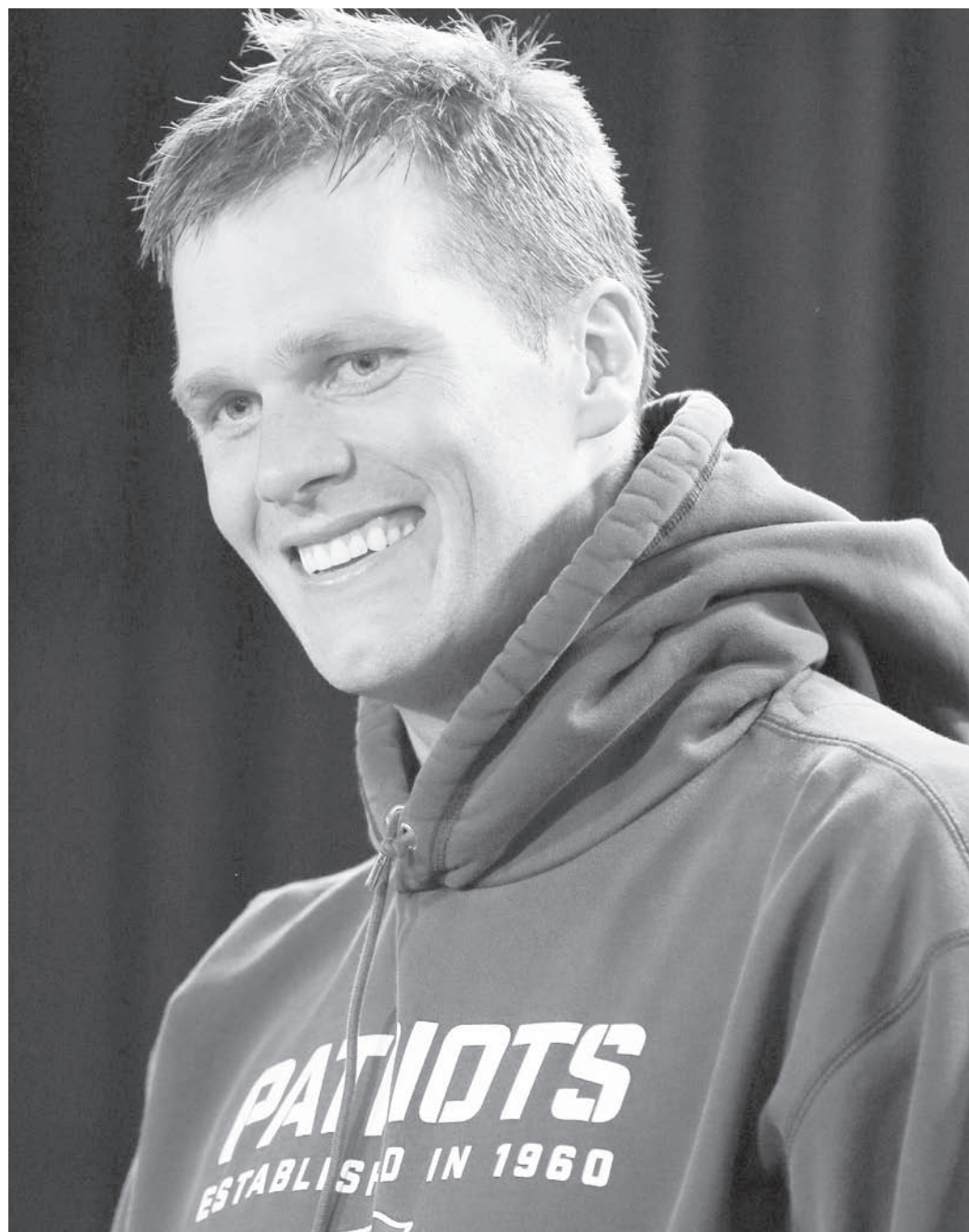
But he's coming back from several surgeries, and Belichick said, "I don't know" what impact Gronkowski would have in the red zone when he returns.

Brady has a pretty good idea about what the 6-foot-6, 265-pound star with excellent hands can do there.

"He's just a big target and he's got a great catch radius," Brady said. "When he's not out there, look, we have to count on the other guys to do it. I know we haven't been great in the red area this year, but it's no excuse. The guys that are out there are plenty capable. I'm plenty capable of getting the ball into tight spots and making the plays."

But it can get crowded.

"There are 22 guys, if you're inside the 5, within 15 yards of the line of scrimmage," he said. "Guys aren't open for very long down there. You have to make the plays when they're there. When you have a great opportunity like we had last week, you have to take advantage."



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) responds to a reporter's question on why he does not have a cool nickname like "Matty Ice," in reference to Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan, during a media availability at the NFL football team's facility in Foxborough, Mass., Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013. AP

Shaq shows Sacramento love as Kings minority owner

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Shaquille O'Neal spent the first part of the century smashing Sacramento's dreams of an NBA championship. Now he wants to spend the next part doing anything he can to build the Kings into a winner.

Declaring the new name of the city "Shaqramento," O'Neal began by taking steps in his size 22 shoes Tuesday to make amends to Kings fans for his past verbal swipes. The new minority owner of the Kings said he just wanted to rile up people and market the game when he called the franchise the "Sacramento Queens" while winning three titles with the Los Angeles Lakers.

"I apologize," O'Neal said. "If you see me around town, come give me a hug, give me a kiss. I'll do whatever you want."

The 15-time All-Star center promised to use the same brand that bullied Sacramento for years to bring positive attention to California's capital city.

O'Neal's larger-than-life personality did just that on his first day on the job. He attracted a crowd of about 75 reporters, with TV trucks fighting for the

closest parking space outside Sacramento's suburban practice facility and about a dozen fans trying to sneak into the parking lot.

O'Neal said has no intention of being a silent investor. He wants to be a mentor to volatile center DeMarcus Cousins, give his input on basketball decisions and help the team build the NBA's first "indoor-outdoor arena."

O'Neal said he learned decades ago from Hall of Famer and friend Magic Johnson that endorsements "are good, but you want to own stuff." He declined to reveal his stake in the team but said joining an NBA ownership group "was always one of my dreams and aspirations," especially after retiring in 2011 after a 19-year playing career.

New Kings majority owner Vivek Ranadive said he first approached O'Neal about joining his group after he swayed the league to keep the Kings from moving to Seattle and bought the team from the Maloof family in May.

Ranadive's primary partner, 24 Hour Fitness founder Mark Mastrov, is friends with O'Neal. The two partnered in the past

to build about 20 gyms, especially in South Florida during O'Neal's time with the Miami Heat. O'Neal said he moved from Los Angeles and couldn't find a place to work out at all hours and found Mastrov by searching his name on Google.

"Make no mistake: Shaq is a shrewd businessman," Mastrov said.

Ranadive said the deal came together a few weeks ago while "shooting hoops" at his Silicon Valley home with O'Neal and Mastrov.

"He's one of the most recognizable people on the planet," Ranadive said, "and we are trying to build the Kings into an even bigger global brand."

Ranadive revealed another one of those plans Tuesday. He said the team's season opener Oct. 30 against Denver will likely be broadcast in his native India.

O'Neal is the latest high-profile former player to join the Kings this summer after the franchise nearly moved to Seattle. Hall of Famer Chris Mullin was hired as a consultant to Ranadive and Mitch Richmond is part of the ownership group.

But no member is a bigger

surprise than O'Neal.

During the height of his career with the Lakers, O'Neal fueled the rivalry with the Kings with his play on the court and his personality off of it. He handed Sacramento its biggest blow by rallying the Lakers from a 3-2 deficit to win the 2002 Western Conference final—which is still a sore spot for Kings fans—and never missed a chance to poke fun at the franchise.

"I wanted you to be very upset when you came to Arco Arena," O'Neal said, speaking to fans through reporters. "In my mind, if you could survive something like this, then you could win anywhere. You guys had us nervous all the way up until that Game 7."

Besides the opportunity to partner with friends, O'Neal said he wanted to work with one of the NBA's best young centers—and also one of its most troubled.

O'Neal said he's already initiated conversations with Cousins, who has been suspended several times by the NBA and the Kings for his behavior. He said he wants to help Cousins the way Phil Jackson helped O'Neal co-exist with others when he came to coach the Lakers.

NBA star Lamar Odom breaks silence via Twitter

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lamar Odom is breaking his silence with his first post on Twitter since the NBA star was arrested and charged with driving under the influence last month.

Odom tweeted "Seeing the snakes" on Tuesday night in his first post since his Aug. 30 arrest.

He followed with an extended tweet from his verified account that referenced his estranged father.

"Won't continue 2 speak on this but I have got 2 let this out real quick. I have let this man and many others get away with a lot of (expletive). He wasn't there 2 raise me. He was absent ALL of my life due to his own demons. My mother and grandmother

raised me. Queens raised me," Odom tweeted.

He went on to credit the family of his wife, Khloe Kardashian, for being "the ONLY ones that have been here consistently 4 me during this dark time. Only person 2 blame is myself. Say what you want about me but leave the ones who have done nothing but protect and love me out of this! This goes out to everyone!"

Odom has been mostly silent on Twitter for nearly three months, although on July 12 he tweeted in part, "Wifey is real," a reference to Kardashian.

Odom, who played for the Los Angeles Clippers last season, is a free agent. He has yet to sign with a team. NBA training camps open next week.

Tigers clinch AL Central with 1-0 win over Twins



MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Max Scherzer earned his

21st win and the Detroit Tigers clinched their third straight AL Central title, beating the Minnesota Twins 1-0 on Wednesday night.

Torii Hunter's single followed a leadoff triple by Austin Jackson in the first inning, and that was all Scherzer (21-3) and manager Jim Leyland's Tigers needed to start the party.

Scherzer gave up two singles in seven innings. Jose Veras and Drew Smyly teamed up for the eighth and Joaquin Benoit worked the ninth for his 24th save in 25 tries.

Rays 8, Yankees 3

In New York, the New York Yankees failed to make the playoffs for only the second time in 19 years, getting mathematically eliminated during their loss to Tampa Bay.

Evan Longoria homered twice as the Rays won their sixth straight and lowered to three their magic number over Texas for clinching an AL wild-card berth.

Slowed by age and hobbled by injury, the Yankees (82-76) were chased with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning when Cleveland completed a 7-2 win over the White Sox.

Rangers 7, Astros 3

In Arlington, Texas, Leonys Martin hit a three-run double, Ian Kinsler homered and the Texas Rangers kept pace in the AL wild-card chase, handing Houston its 12th loss in a row and team-record 108th defeat this season.

Texas completed a three-game sweep and finished 17-2 with 11 straight wins against their in-state rival.

Indians 7, White Sox 2

In Cleveland, rookie Danny Salazar gave Cleveland a much-needed quality start and Nick Swisher hit a two-run homer as the Indians tightened their grip one of the AL wild-card spots with their 14th straight win over the Chicago White Sox.

Salazar (2-3) struck out eight in 5 1-3 innings for the Indians, who won their final six home games to stay with the wild-card leaders.

Angels 3, Athletics 1

In Anaheim, Calif., Jered Weaver pitched seven innings of five-hit ball, Josh Hamilton drove in two runs and the Los Angeles Angels did a bit more damage to Oakland's home-field playoff hopes.

Erick Aybar had three hits in the Angels' final home game of their disappointing season.

Dan Straily (10-8) allowed seven hits while pitching into

the seventh inning of his first loss since Aug. 17 for the AL West champion A's.

Mariners 6, Royals 0

In Seattle, Hisashi Iwakuma pitched eight scoreless innings and Mike Zunino homered twice as the Seattle Mariners ended Kansas City's playoff hopes.

All three teams ahead of Kansas City in the wild-card hunt—Tampa Bay, Cleveland and Texas—won on Wednesday. The Royals' loss eliminated them.

Orioles 9, Blue Jays 5

In Baltimore, Ryan Flaherty hit a pair of two-run homers, Jonathan Schoop had a solo shot in his big league debut and the Baltimore Orioles beat Toronto to snap a six-game skid and clinch their second straight winning season.

Steve Pearce also homered for Baltimore and Chris Davis doubled in a run to increase his RBI total to 137, tied with Detroit's Miguel Cabrera for the major league lead.

Cardinals 4, Nationals 1

In St. Louis, rookie Shelby Miller won his 15th game, and Yadier Molina had the go-ahead hit for St. Louis, which wrapped up a three-game sweep of Washington and moved another

step closer to the NL Central title with a victory.

Jordan Zimmermann (19-9) missed his only shot at 20 wins, allowing four runs in seven innings. The Nationals had five hits one day after breaking up rookie Michael Wacha's bid for a no-hitter with two outs in the ninth inning.

Matt Adams hit his eighth home run since replacing injured Allen Craig and doubled for the Cardinals (94-65), who are a season-high 29 games above .500.

Mets 1, Reds 0

In Cincinnati, Daisuke Matsuzaka scattered four hits in 7 2-3 innings to win his third consecutive start, outdueling Cincinnati's Mat Latos.

Eric Young Jr. drove in the only run for the Mets, who won two of three in the series to further dampen Cincinnati's hopes of hosting the NL wild-card playoff game on Tuesday.

Matsuzaka (3-3) allowed two walks and hit a batter. He struck out six and evened his record after three losses and a no-decision in his first four starts after joining the Mets in August.

Cubs 4, Pirates 2

In Chicago, Darnell McDonald hit a three-run homer to lead Chicago to the win that really hurt Pittsburgh's hopes of win-

ning the NL Central.

With three games remaining in the regular season for each team, the Pirates trail division-leading St. Louis by three games.

The Pirates, who already have clinched a playoff spot, hold a one-game lead over Cincinnati for the first wild-card slot. Pittsburgh and the Reds finish up with a three-game set in Cincinnati this weekend.

Brewers 4, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Kyle Lohse pitched a two-hitter and Milwaukee overcame Carlos Gomez's ejection in the first inning.

NL East champion Atlanta was shut out for the second time in three nights and has been blanked 17 times, second-most in the league.

After losing three of four, Atlanta has fallen three games behind St. Louis for the NL's best winning percentage.

Marlins 3, Phillies 2

In Miami, Adeiny Hechavarria drove in three runs, including a go-ahead run in the eighth inning, for Miami.

Hechavarria hit a two-run triple in the second before driving in the run that made it 3-2 on a fielder's choice.

Justin Ruggiano walked and Placido Polanco singled for his third hit in the eighth off Ethan

Martin (2-5) before Hechavarria hit a grounder to shortstop Jimmy Rollins, whose throw went wide of catcher Carlos Ruiz allowing Ruggiano to slide in safely.

Padres 12, Diamondbacks 2

In San Diego, Ian Kennedy's solid pitching and offensive production throughout the lineup led San Diego.

Kennedy (7-10) struck out seven and allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings while facing his ex-team for the second time since being acquired by the Padres on July 31. He had a no-decision in their previous meeting.

The Padres hit three homers, four batters had at least two RBIs and four batters finished with multiple hits.

Giants 6, Dodgers 4

In San Francisco, Barry Zito won in what likely was his final hurrah for San Francisco and Pablo Sandoval backed him with a two-run homer.

Tony Abreu hit a bases-loaded triple to stake Zito to a quick 3-0 lead in the second, then added an RBI double in the sixth as last year's World Series champions put themselves in position for a rare home series victory if they can win Thursday night's rubber game with the NL West champion Dodgers.

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Oracle beats New Zealand to keep America’s Cup

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The fastest boat always wins the America’s Cup, and this one went to a big black cat that almost used up its last life too soon.

With one last spectacular push in a winner-take-all finale Wednesday, the United States managed to hang onto the Auld Mug in closing out the longest, fastest and, by far, wildest America’s Cup ever with one of the greatest comebacks in sports.

“I’m going to rank it No. 1. We never gave up,” skipper Jimmy Spithill said.

Spithill steered Oracle’s space-age, 72-foot catamaran to its eighth straight victory, speeding past Dean Barker and Team New Zealand sailing upwind in Race 19 on a San Francisco Bay course bordered by the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and the Embarcadero.

All but defeated a week ago, the 34-year-old Australian and his international crew twice rallied from seven-point deficits to win 9-8. Owned by software billionaire Larry Ellison, Oracle Team USA was docked two points for illegally modifying boats in warmup regattas and had to win 11 races to keep the trophy.



The crew on Oracle Team USA celebrates after winning the 19th race against Emirates Team New Zealand to win the America’s Cup sailing event, as fans wave in the foreground Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, in San Francisco.

For eight races, they sailed with no margin for error in a new class of boats that had a learning curve that was almost straight up.

Even Ellison was motivated by Spithill’s resolve after the Kiwis reached match point at 8-1 one week earlier.

The billionaire said he didn’t need to tell his team anything.

“I just listened to Jimmy Spithill. He said, ‘You know what 8-1 is? 8-1 is motivating,’” Ellison said.

“There’s nothing like going all in,” Spithill said. “I’m so proud of the boys. ... They didn’t flinch.”

It could have been over shortly after the start Wednesday just inside the Golden Gate Bridge.

Oracle’s hulking black catamaran—with a giant No. 17 on each hull—buried its twin bows in a wave approaching the first mark and Barker turned his red-and-black cat around the buoy with a 7-second lead.

“We just knew it was going to be a tough race,” Spithill said. “I just have so much confidence in the boys on board and the boat. When you sail these boats, you’re on the edge. You really red-line them the whole way. They keep you on your toes. It’s a very demanding boat but it’s very rewarding at the same time.”

The New Zealanders were game despite being stranded on match point for a week. Spithill and crew still had to sail their best to keep from becoming the third American loser in 30 years.

Oracle narrowed Team New Zealand’s lead to 3 seconds turning onto the third leg, the only time the boats sail into the wind.

New Zealand had the lead the first time the boats crossed on

opposite tacks. By the time they crossed again, the American boat—with only one American on its 11-man crew—had the lead.

As Oracle worked to build its lead, tactician Ben Ainslie, a four-time Olympic gold medalist from Britain, implored his mates by saying, “This is it. This is it. Working your (rears) off.” Ainslie replaced John Kostecki after Oracle lost four of the first five races.

It had to be a gut-wrenching moment in New Zealand - coming so close to winning the oldest trophy in international sports a week ago, only to see Oracle going faster and faster.

Oracle’s shore team had made changes to the black cat every night in its big boatshed on Pier 80 to make its cat a speed freak going upwind. While the upwind leg was known earlier for the “Kiwi stretch,” where Team New Zealand sailed ahead, Oracle found another gear going windward in the final eight races.

“We started this regatta slower than the other team but we ended this regatta faster,” Spithill said. “That was an incredible team effort. That’s really what won us the Cup.”

Ellison praised his entire team for finding the right mode for the boat.

“The guys finally cracked the code, finally figured out what we had to do,” the billionaire said.

“We knew we had a fight on our hands,” Barker said. “It’s really frustrating. The gains that they made were just phenomenal. They did just an amazing job of sorting out their boat. It’s a good thing for us they didn’t do it earlier. I am incredibly proud of our team and what we achieved. But we didn’t get that last one we needed to take the cup back to New Zealand. It’s just very hard to swallow.”

As Spithill rounded the third mark onto the downwind fourth leg, his catamaran sprang onto

its hydrofoils at 35 mph, its hulls completely out of the water, and headed for history. A final sprint across the wind on the reaching fifth leg resulted in a 44-second victory.

There were hugs and handshakes on the boat crewed by four Australians, two Kiwis, and one sailor each from the United States, Britain, Italy, Holland and Antigua.

Ellison, who has spent an estimated \$500 million the last 11 years in pursuing, winning and now defending the silver trophy, hopped on board and was sprayed with champagne by the celebrating crew.

Things weren’t always so jubilant, of course, but Spithill refused to let his team fold after the penalties were announced four days before racing started.

How big was this win?

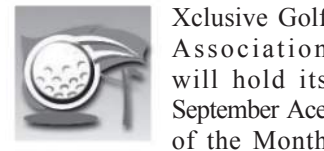
In sailing terms, it was the equivalent of the Boston Red Sox sweeping the final four games of the 2004 ALCS over the New York Yankees, the only 0-3 comeback in major league history. It’s also comparable to the Philadelphia Flyers overcoming an 0-3 deficit to beat the Boston Bruins in the 2010 NHL playoffs.

As stirring of a comeback as it was for Spithill and his mates, it was a staggering loss for Team New Zealand. Barker, 41, was looking for redemption after losing the America’s Cup to Alinghi of Switzerland in 2003 and then steering the losing boat in 2007, also against Alinghi.

“For me, my job is to support the guys because they’re pretty smashed,” said Grant Dalton, the managing director of Team New Zealand who also is one of the grinders on the boat. “They’re feeling it pretty bad. ... The country is really devastated.”

Team New Zealand was funded in part by its government and its future is uncertain.

XGA September Ace on Sunday



Xclusive Golf Association will hold its September Ace of the Month Tournament this coming Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort. Showtime is set at 12pm with tee time at 1pm.

Since its inception, the XGA has been known to support numerous activities in the community such as the local

Little League program and has coupled some of its event’s in the past to benefit students and people in need of off-island medical referrals.

The XGA is made up of about 30 members, and contrast to its name, the club is open to the public and anyone is welcome can join.

The group is currently accepting new members and has reduced its annual membership fee for newcomers from

\$30 to \$50; renewal for returning members is \$25; club polo shirts are also available for only \$25.

On the day of events, players are also required to foot a green fee along with an added modest charge that goes toward the awards banquet, prize money, and incentives for the club.

For more information, contact XGA secretary J.J. Cabrera at 287-9478 or Gerald Guerrero at 285-4153. *(Saipan Tribune)*

TEEN

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Huangchen put China on the board and went on to find the back of the net in the 39th and 69th minute. The host moved up, 8-0, at halftime, as forward Duan Liuyu had a hat-trick, scoring in the 6th, 11th, and 38th, while forward

ward Liu Ruofan and midfielder Nie Meng added one apiece, lighting up the board in the 16th and 29th minute, respectively.

China’s five other goals in the second half came from starters Shengzhi (64th), Gong Chunjie (61st), and Ruofan (58th), and substitute midfielders Lin Zefeng (77th), Xie Zhiwei (82nd). China used 14 players in its first game.

Thirteen players also suited up for the Teen Ayuyus against China. The starters were Kennedy Izuka, Won Young Kim, Terrence Belcher, Joel Fruit, David Yan, Aaron Lee, Jordan Butcher, Carlson Cruzat, Kenneth Mafnas, and Julian Pellegrino. Diego Masfa, William Hinson II, and Ryu Tanzawa came off the bench.

“It was a very tough game against a very big country last night, but the boys learned some things on the field and never gave up. Three or four players really stepped up and gave great efforts. We were very proud of the effort and team spirits are high going into tomorrow’s (today) match,” team manager Wesley Bogdan wrote on the

squad’s unofficial website.

The Teen Ayuyus took a break yesterday and will be playing North Korea at 3:30pm today. North Korea came from a 3-0 win over Myanmar in last

Wednesday’s first game. Jong Chang Bom scored twin goals for North Korea, while Han Kwang Song nailed the other one and all three goals were recorded in the second half.

BACK-TO-BACK

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and joined Talavera and Pangelinan in the Top 3 after scoring 822 pinfalls in the second and final day of the tournament.

Teodoro collected 200-plus pinfalls twice (201 in Game 2 and 242 in Game 4), while he nailed 189 and 190 pinfalls in the two other games last Monday.

Twenty-one other bowlers participated in the two-day September tournament with Percy

Omechelang (767 pinfalls) and Ariel Dumapit (745) rounding out the Top 5. Ronald Epan finished sixth with his 735 pinfalls, followed by Ramir De Leon (719), Rusty Musca (711), Ronald Batac (707), Tito Corpus (703), Ruselle (701), Raphael (699)

and Raymond Zapanta (695), M.J. Aldan (695), Jerry Kaneshi (666), Arnel Ibarreta (662), Tony Verdager (656), Yong Woon Lee (655), Ben Aizon (609), Joe Etpison (609), Benjie Cruz (597), Bernard Paraiso (573), and Kou Etpison (418).

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| Chicago | 62 | 96 | .392 | 30½ | | | | | |
| West Division | | | | | | | | | |
| x-Oakland | 94 | 65 | .591 | — | | | | | |
| Texas | 87 | 71 | .551 | 6½ | | | | | |
| Los Angeles | 78 | 80 | .494 | 15½ | | | | | |
| Seattle | 70 | 89 | .440 | 24 | | | | | |
| Houston | 51 | 108 | .321 | 43 | | | | | |
| NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division | | | | | | | | | |
| x-Atlanta | 93 | 65 | .589 | — | | | | | |
| Washington | 84 | 75 | .528 | 9½ | | | | | |
| New York | 73 | 85 | .462 | 20 | | | | | |
| Philadelphia | 72 | 86 | .456 | 21 | | | | | |
| Miami | 59 | 100 | .371 | 34½ | | | | | |
| Central Division | | | | | | | | | |
| z-St. Louis | 94 | 65 | .591 | — | | | | | |
| z-Pittsburgh | 91 | 68 | .572 | 3 | | | | | |
| z-Cincinnati | 90 | 69 | .566 | 4 | | | | | |
| Milwaukee | 71 | 87 | .449 | 22½ | | | | | |
| Chicago | 66 | 93 | .415 | 28 | | | | | |
| West Division | | | | | | | | | |
| x-Los Angeles | 91 | 67 | .576 | — | | | | | |
| Arizona | 80 | 78 | .506 | 11 | | | | | |
| San Diego | 74 | 84 | .468 | 17 | | | | | |
| San Francisco | 73 | 85 | .462 | 18 | | | | | |
| Colorado | 72 | 87 | .453 | 19½ | | | | | |
| z-clinched playoff berth | | | | | | | | | |
| x-clinched division | | | | | | | | | |
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In the pitching race, Lifofoi got the solo No. 1 spot with his perfect 0.00 ERA. The Braves pitcher pitched 10.2 innings. The Braves’ foes scored only two runs with Lifofoi on the

mound and none were earned. The Giants’ Jesse Brel is in second place with his 0.54 ERA, as he pitched 13 innings and allowed only one earned (out of three) run. Frankie Lieto is the second Braves ace to break into the Top 3 with his 0.73 ERA, as he pitched 9.2 innings and also allowed only one run.

Rounding out the Top 10 are the Tigers’ Justin Reyes (0.81), the Braves’ Logan Martin (0.98), the Dodgers’ Brian Camacho (1.05), the Tigers’ Keene Leon Guerrero (1.08), the Yankees’ Gino Dela Cruz (1.08) and Darion Jones (1.29), and Wanket (1.40).

Lifofoi is also ahead in the

strikeouts race with his 19, while Darion Jones, the Tigers’ Jose Lizama, and Marin have 17 each.

In other races, K.J. De Leon Guerrero leads the runs category with his 12, Darion Jones has the most doubles (4), and the Braves’ Cody Kaipay has the most triples (2).

MP United sweeps Paire

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Action in the 2013 NMIFA Youth Fall League finally unfurled over the weekend with MP United FC notching twin wins against Paire FC at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

In the boys U15 division last Friday, MP United shutout Paire, 6-0. The MP United-Paire tiff was the third match scheduled for the season as the double-header set for the opener on Sept. 13 was called off due to rain. Tan Holdings FC and Paire were slated to meet in the first game in the opener and Matansa FC and Shirley's FC were set to duel in the second match, while MP United drew a bye.

With both opening day matches cancelled, MP United ended up kicking off the season and got off to a strong start with a demolition of Paire. Daniel Lim led the big win, as he scored four goals, while Cody Leon and Edwin Kim chipped in one apiece.

Lim began the game with back-to-back goals, as he lit up the board in the 16th and 25th minute. Then five minutes into the second half Lim completed a hat-trick, while Leon made it a 4-0 lead for MP United with his goal in the 55th minute. Kim added one more goal eight minutes later, while Lim finished what he started, drilling his



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An MP United FC player dribbles against two Paire FC defenders during the first half of their game in the boys U18 division of the 2013 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

fourth goal in the 74th minute.

Besides Lim, Kim, and Leon, MP United listed 21 other players on its boys U15 player. Also on the lineup are Julian Pellegrino, Grant Eichenberger, Jordan Butcher, Ba Da Lee, Kennedy Izuka, Amir Abes, Kevin Park, David Yang, Diego Masga, Alex Park, Jason Kim, Clayton Izuka, Joshua Abragan, Steven Martin, Sun Joon Tenorio, Wataru Tajima, Timothy Park, Aaron Lee, Tae Young Moon, Christopher Aninzo, and Wesley Poiroux.

Paire has a 26-player roster: Saixian Bagsic, Jhn Abelinde, Moises Belza, Manuel Celis, James David, Keanu Diaz, Joel

Fruit, Allen and Billy Hinson, Moran Kim, Won Jun Kim, Sunje Lee, Evan Miller, Christian Oh, JC Piring, Noah Pohl, Ivan and Joe Seo, Fritz Trinidad, Timothy Villanueva, Cole Chambers, Spencer Dickenson, Anthony Fruit, Kwan Kim, Logan Mister, and Dai Podziewski.

Meanwhile in last Saturday's U18 game, MP United also cruised past Paire, 6-2.

Jehn Joyner and Tanapon Unsa nailed two goals apiece for MP United, while Jireh Yobech and Brian Lee contributed one each. Thomas Lee and Oh had one goal apiece for Paire, which faced a 0-3 deficit at the break.

MP United took a promising 3-0 halftime advantage, as Yobech opened the team's scoring in the seventh minute and Unsa and Joyner found the back of the net in the ninth and 10th minute, respectively. Thomas Lee then put Paire in the board in the 51st minute, while Oh also scored in the 76th minute to keep their team afloat. However, MP retaliated with three goals in a span of 10 minutes with Joyner, Unsa, and Brian Lee scoring.

Only the U18 match was played last Saturday, as the two girls U15 games over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field were rained-out.

Bucher, 9 other pros in for 'Hell'



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Renata Bucher, seen here leading a small group of bikers on the way to the Bird Island Lookout, is listed among the pros competing in this year's Hell of the Marianas.

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HELL OF THE MARIANAS THE PIC CENTURY CYCLE

Seven-time XTERRA Saipan champion Renata Bucher is taking on a new challenge on the island, as she debuts in the 7th Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race on Dec. 7.

The Swiss triathlete is among the 10 pros who have already signified their intention to join the 100-kilometer bike race around the island later this year, according to the press release Hell of Marianas organizers forwarded to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. Joining Bucher in the women's pro field are former champion Mieke Carey, newcomer Rose Munoz of Guam, and defending champion Jodie Willet of Australia.

In the men's pro, two-time champion Jack Anderson of Australia will be back, along with fellow Hell returnees Konstantin Fast and Aleksandr Dorovskikh of Russia. Also on the list are Japan's Kazuhiro Yamamoto and Guam's Peter Lombard and Jonathan Martin.

Anderson set a course record last year with his 2:44:52 and also shattered his mark (2:57:47) in his first win, while Willet established a record in the women's field, too with her 3:05:40, surpassing her 3:16:15. This year, Anderson and the rest of the pro field will be gunning for records in a modified course, which will now start and end at Mariana Resort. The first six editions of the Hell of Marianas had its start and finish line at the Pacific Islands Club.

The pros will also battle for the cash prizes in the open road bike category. The top finisher in the men's and women's divisions will take home \$1,000, while \$500 and \$250 will go to the second and third placers, respectively. Amateur bikers in the solo road bike will get cash prizes, too with the first placer receiving \$300 and the second and third pocketing \$200 and \$100.

Organizers and event spon-

sors will also give away special prizes to the Best in Costume, Best Corporate 4-Person Relay, and to the biker who can guess right his time.

Meanwhile, this year's Hell of Marianas is expected to lure more than 100 bikers and a good turnout will be a big boost to the Commonwealth's tourism industry.

"This race is a great opportunity to support tourism, local businesses and the cycling community. The CNMI has a reputation of athleticism thanks to MVA's other events such as the Saipan Marathon, the Tagaman Triathlon and the XTERRA Saipan Championship. We now have two bike shops on island and an increasing number of family, friends and co-workers are getting into cycling each week. The diverse cycling community is comprised of people and companies that are an important part of our economy and the island's character," said Vince Seman, president of the Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation, which is sanctioning the race.

This year's race has also drawn support from both the private and public sectors. The long list of supporters includes Title Sponsors DFS and PTC (Miller Lite, Sunkist); Platinum Sponsors Mariana Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, IT&E, PIC, Triple J Wholesale/Hertz/Triple J Enterprises; Gold Sponsors Bridge Capital LLC, Island Training Solutions, Gold's Gym, Delta Air Lines; Silver Sponsors Asiana Airlines, Chong's Corporation, Marianas Trekking, Sea-fax Inc., Sorensen Media Group (Power 99), Taro Sue Store, Bike Box, Progressive Coaching Systems; Bronze Sponsors Brabu Pharmacy, D&Q Saipan, Hard Rock Café Saipan, Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort, Revolving Restaurant 360, Saipan Submarine, Star Sands Plaza, Stars & Stripes, Tinian Dynasty & Casino, Made in Saipan Gift Shop, Coral Ocean Point and SUP Saipan.

Sponsors and volunteers are still welcome. For more information, contact HOM race director Kanae Quinn at 285-1168.

UFO caging seals sponsorship deal with Budweiser



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MARPAC resident manager Guy Pudney, second left, hands over a check to UFO's Annamae Adaza in support of the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Masters and Open Division Basketball League during a turnover ceremony at the MARPAC office in Gualo Rai. Also in the photo are MARPAC's James Lee, fourth left, and other UFO officials.



This year's United Filipino Organization caging will be officially known as the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Masters and Open Division Basketball League after the group forged an agreement with Budweiser early this week.

Budweiser will be the main sponsor of this year's competition, which is also supported by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and JET Holdings Company.

The league will kick off this Sunday at the Gillette Multipur-

pose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex at 1pm. A parade of teams will highlight the opening ceremony and league organizers will also be handing awards for Best in Uniform and Best Muse, and raffling off in-kind prizes.

After the opening ceremony, three games will be played in the kick-off day. The open division match is set for 3pm, while the two masters matches are scheduled for 4:30pm and 6pm. The masters division has six teams in Armatech/MDX, Masters Degree/UPAA, Shakir Realty/

MAFEA, Blue Haus/SMF, Pacific Islands Club/NMBA, and Erika's Catering/Samahang Laguna.

Mobil/Bayani leads the open division cast and will be battling seven other teams: AXE Pro/MDX, Hoopaholics/Visminda, KB Market/SIP, Kanoa Resort/MIFICPA, Ladder Beach/Cavite, and Hi-Five/Cabalen.

Games in this year's UFO caging will be played every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday with the first match set for 6:30pm and the second at 8pm. Opening day games will be de-

termined by draws.

Meanwhile, participating teams are mandated to submit copies of their rosters, players' registration, BANMI and UFO waiver forms, and signed players/coaches code of conduct. Squads have until today (7pm) to submit the requirements or they will not be able to play this season.

For more information on the UFO caging, contact league coordinator Bok Enano at 287-9756, league commissioner Ed Manalili at 483-4337, or Venus at 785-6122. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

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Teen Ayuyus drop opener in China



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Players of the CNMI U16 National Team do stretching drills before their game against China in the AFC U16 Qualifying Tournament last Wednesday night at the Hankou Culture and Sports Stadium in Wuhan.

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The CNMI U16 National lost to host China, 0-14, in the opening of the AFC U16 Qualifying Tournament last Wednesday night at the Hankou Culture and Sports Stadium in Wuhan.

Kaipat regains top spot; Lifoifoi stays perfect

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The Padres' Khobby Kaipat is back on top of the batting charts, while the Braves' J.J. Lifoifoi remained flawless to gain the solo lead in the pitching race in the 2nd Annual DYS/Triple A Youth Baseball League.

Kaipat, who was dislodged from the No. 1 position in the batting race by the Tigers' Ricardo Dela Cruz before the league was forced to have two-weeklong break due to rain, reclaimed his spot when action resumed this week. The Braves slugger is 13-for-27 at bat for an average of .481 to lead teammate Patrick Tenorio, who holds a batting average of .458 after going 11-for-24.

The Dodgers' Craig Aguon moved up from fourth to third with his 10-for-22 performance and .455 average. The Top 3 leaders are the only ones in the Top 15 to post a batting average of at least .400.

The Yankees' M.J. Sakisat and Braves' A.J. Lizama are tied for fourth place with their similar .364 (8-for-22) average, followed by the Padres' Kier Agda (.360/9-for-25) and Lancaster Secharmidal (.333/8-for-24), the Giants' Franco Nakamura (.333/9-for-27), the Padres' Ver-lance Secharmidal (.320/8-for-25), the Braves' A.J. Evangelis-



The Teen Ayuyus came into their debut match in the Group I qualifier less than 24 hours after arriving in China and the host quickly capitalized, scoring in the fourth minute of the game. Midfielder Zhang

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ta (.318/7-for-22), the Yankees' Darion Jones (.308/8-for-26) and Roke Tenorio (.286/6-for-21), the Braves' Frankie Li-eto (.286/6-for-21), the Giants' Kenji Yamagata (.280/7-for-25), and the Padres' Kainoa Wanket (.250/6-for-24).

The batting leaders were based on 21 or more times at bat.

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The Padres' Khobby Kaipat waits for the pitch during their game against the Cardinals in the 2nd Annual DYS/Triple A Youth Baseball League early this month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



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SBA-Budweiser King of the Lanes for September Paul Pangelinan is flanked by runners-up Robert Talavera, left, and Lito Teodoro during the awards ceremony last Monday night at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Back-to-back victories for Pangelinan

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Paul Pangelinan joined the short list of multiple winners in the 2013 season of Saipan Bowling Association-Budweiser King of the Lanes after prevailing in the September roll-offs held last Sunday and Monday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

He notched 892 pinfalls in four games to rule this month's roll-offs and get his second

straight monthly win. Pangelinan took the August plum after he collected 840 pinfalls against Robert Talavera's 830 and incidentally the former defeated the latter anew for the September tournament. Pangelinan, Talavera (March, April, and July) and Raymond Zapanta (January, April, and June) are the three bowlers who have won more than once this season.

Pangelinan logged the best performance in this month's roll-offs last Sunday, as he knocked more than 200 pin-

falls in all four games. He had 213 and 215 in the first two games to lead Talavera, who had identical 205 in Games 1 and 2. Pangelinan then earned 219 in the third game to widen the gap against Talavera, who got only 194 in Game 3, and the eventual September winner saved the best for last with his 245 against the 223 of his closest rival. Pangelinan averaged 223 pinfalls against the 206.75 of Talavera.

Lito Teodoro also posted an average of at least 200 (205.50)

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